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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.49	7.15
Yaumati ...Dep.	6.49	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	1.22	—	4.42	5.56	7.23
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	1.34	—	4.54	6.08	7.35
Taipo ...Dep.	7.15	—	9.48	10.32	12.33	1.47	—	5.07	6.15	7.48
TaipoMarket Dep.	7.20	—	9.53	10.36	12.36	1.51	—	5.11	6.19	7.52
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	2.01	—	5.21	6.30	8.02
Sheungshui ..Dep.	7.35	—	10.10	10.51	12.51	2.06	—	5.26	6.35	8.07
Shumshun ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.16	10.57	12.57	2.12	2.55	5.32	6.41	8.13
Canton ...Arr.	—	11.50	5.38	—	—	—	6.03	—	—	—

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Sheungshui ..Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	11.44	3.05	4.48	5.56	—
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.46	—	11.49	3.10	4.52	6.00	—
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Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.19	3.39	5.20	6.28	—
Yaumati ...Dep.	8.11	8.56	11.25	—	12.31	3.51	5.32	6.40	—
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OPINION IN ENGLAND.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, Feb. 18th.

There is nothing but high appreciation for the King's action in appointing the Prince of Wales to be "Master of the Merchant Navy and the Fishing Fleets." The name "Master" in itself will sound familiar in relation to the merchant service. It is considered a very happy thought on His Majesty's part thus to recognise the brave deeds and splendid heroism of the officers and men of the mercantile marine and the fishermen during the Great War. In a nation whose commercial backbone is its shipping the honour of having the Prince of Wales as the titular head is peculiarly appropriate.

The work done by the merchant sailors during the war first opened the eyes of people to the immensity of the national value of the merchant navy. Without them we should have starved, and munition factories would have been unable to carry on for lack of raw materials. The public feel that henceforth nobody will be able to talk and think of sea-power merely in terms of battleships and cruisers and submarines. They are the striking half, but the merchant service is the supplying half, and its achievements in the stress of the struggle were vital.

The Fishermen Of England.

In like manner the fishermen of England proved themselves faithful unto death. It is only necessary to recall the epic story of the Dover Patrol to understand what they did. There was, for instance, the furious battle of February 15th, 1918, when several large German destroyers made a dash on the Straits of Dover, and the trawlers and drifters, although only armed with tiny guns, put up a most determined resistance. Eight were sunk in succession with grevious loss, but, nothing daunted, the empty places were filled the night after the attack, and a new muster of living men took up the work of the dead. This was the spirit that animated the fishermen, also, who went out in defiance of mines and submarines and brought in "the harvest of the sea" for our food.

The New Judges.

Two new judges have been appointed this week to deal with the ever increasing work of the Courts—Sir Travers Humphreys and Mr. Ernest Bruce Charles. Sir Travers is one of the very few counsel who have been elevated to the Bench without having taken silk. Since the death of Sir Richard Muir in 1924 he has been the leader of Crown counsel at the Central Criminal Court, and has figured in most of the big cases at the Old Bailey, including the trials of Horatio Bottomley and that of Hayley Morriss.

Mr. Charles, who took silk in 1913, is well known as an ecclesiastical lawyer. He is Chancellor of several dioceses. He is a genial bachelor, and is accounted one of the best story-tellers in London. In a certain old-dignified club to which he belongs he is often to be found in the smoking room, with all the members in a state of hilarity, as he spins amusing yarns for an hour on end. He is one of the most popular men in legal circles.

Rights Of Free Speech.

Of late years at Parliamentary elections there has been an outbreak of hooliganism for which the supporters of Communism have been mainly responsible. The right of free speech on which we have always prided ourselves have been denied candidates who differed from the banner bearers of the Red Flag. Gangs of roughs have been known to follow a candidate round a constituency simply for the purpose of shouting him down. Nothing could be more un-English; and I believe there is something in the suggestion that these tactics were inspired by aliens, probably the

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NEW JUDGE HUSTLE.

APPOINTED, SWORN-IN, AND AT WORK IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS.

MR. HAWKE'S RECORD.

Three and a half hours before the official announcement was circulated that the King had approved the appointment of Mr. J. A. Hawke, K.C., M.P., to be a judge in the King's Bench Division, Mr. Hawke was sworn in. He is taking the place of Mr. Justice Sankey, promoted a Lord Justice of Appeal.

Mr. Hawke's call to the Bench is believed to have been one of the swiftest on record. He was in the Law Courts when he was informed of his appointment shortly after noon. By 3 o'clock he had to obtain a judge's crimson robes and full-bottomed wig, so that he could be sworn in by Viscount Cave, the Lord Chancellor.

But the work of handing over his briefs took so long that Mr. Hawke was unable to buy his robes, and he had to borrow some from another judge.

He appeared to time in Lord Cave's room at the House of Lords, and, putting on the robes and the wig, was duly sworn in. He then hurried back to the Law Courts to be sworn in by the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Hewart).

At Lincoln Assizes.

When Mr. Justice Hawke left the Law Courts he had less than an hour and a half in which to prepare for a journey to Lincoln to sit at the assizes there in the place of Mr. Justice Sankey. He rushed round to his chambers in Essex-court in the Temple, and then to his home at Victoria. He caught the 3.35 p.m. train from King's Cross.

The new judge is 45, and he was Attorney-General to the Prince of Wales and Recorder of Plymouth. He was one of the busiest men at the Bar and had one of the biggest practices.

His appointment necessitates a by-election in the St. Ives division of Cornwall, which he won for the Conservatives at the last election by 11,159 votes against 9,072 cast for Sir O. Cory, the Liberal candidate and former member. His salary as a judge will be £5,000 a year.

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crew in command at Moscow, to whom freedom is abhorrent.

But steps are now being taken to deal with disturbers of the peace at political meetings. The Home Secretary in a circular issued to the Chief Constables all over the country instructs them to send policemen to meetings where it is thought there will be organised interruption. There is an Act of Parliament which provides heavy penalties for the sort of disorder in question, so the authorities have ample powers, and now that an official order has been issued to the police it may be expected that the baser elements of the population, who have lost the sense of fair play since they drank the poison of Bolshevism, will be kept under control.

The Nurse Cavell Film.

There has been a good deal of controversy over the Nurse Cavell film which was to be shown in this country. Sir Austen Chamberlain has stepped in to prevent its exhibition. The main object is that this screen version of the way the heroic woman met her death would wound German susceptibilities and keep alive national animosities. Sir Austen's action was the outcome of representations by the German Foreign Office.

Generally speaking, the newspapers are against the showing of the film, and in this matter I believe they reflect public opinion. After all, the story that the film seeks to tell can never be embellished by the arts of the cinema. The simple, heroic tragedy of Nurse Cavell best dwells in the memory of the people in the manner in which it was told when the event occurred; an attempt to dramatise it further can only spoil it. There is the further point that to commercialise a story that is in a sense sacred to many people would only raise feelings of abhorrence at the action.

The fact that the Foreign Minister has intervened and that his action meets with approval to a very large extent shows how far we have travelled in thought since the end of the war. The old hatreds are dying out slowly but surely, and the particular acts that roused the passions of belligerents are best left to die a natural death with the passage of time. This is how most people are thinking of the war in these days in England.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Annual Inspection of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps by H.E. Major General G. C. Luard, C.B.C.M.G., at Murray Parade Ground, 6 p.m.

"Cheer O" dance, 7.30 p.m.

H.M.S. *Ambrose* farewell dance Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30.

Queen's Theatre: "My Best Girl."

World Theatre: "The Understanding Heart."

Star Theatre: "The Sap."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *viâ* Suez (*Mantua*); Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Empress of Asia*). Outward: Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Mantua*), 5 p.m.

Friday.

Annual Inspedition by H.E. the Governor of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade at 5.15 p.m.

H.K. Electric Co., Ltd., 39th Ordinary yearly meeting P. and O. Building at 12 noon; Extraordinary General Meeting at 12.10 p.m.

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Saturday.

St. Patrick's Day.

Yachting: "Tai Yat" Cups (racing yachts).

Second Extra Race Meeting H.K. Jockey Club Happy Valley.

Cricket: Kowloon C.C. 1st XI. *v.* Army; C.S.C.C. 1st XI. *v.* Craigengower; H.K.C.C. 1st XI. *v.* R.G.A.; University 2nd XI. *v.* Royal Engineers; H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. *v.* Recreio; C.S.C.C. 2nd XI. *v.* R.A.O.C.

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"Cheer 'O" dance 7.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "My Best Girl."

World Theatre: "The Understanding Heart."

Star Theatre: "The Sap."

Sunday.

4th Sunday in Lent.

In the Cathedral at Evensong the Rev. H. V. Koop, M.A., on "God in the form of a man."

In St. Peter's at Matins the Rev. N. Evans, M.A., on "Christ, the source of forgiveness."

Scottish Company (H.K.D.C.) triangular shoot *v.* 2nd Scots Guards and 2nd K.O.S.B.

Fanling Hunt: Meet of hounds at Wan Ha, Chinese Territory, 8.30 a.m.

Golf: Junior Championship Cup Girl.

Yachting: Club *v.* Ladies.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "7th Heaven."

World Theatre: "Tumbling River."

Star Theatre: "The Small Batchelor."

"Cheer 'O" music, 7.30 p.m.

Monday.

St. Peter's Young Men Debate "Labour devices increase laziness."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

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Tuesday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI. *v.* H.K.S.R.A. at King's Park, 5 p.m.

Entries close at noon for Fanling Hunt Steeplechase on Saturday, March 31st.

Annual Meeting of Victoria Recreation Club, 6 p.m.

Ordinary Yearly Meeting Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co. at 2 Queen's Building (noon).

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

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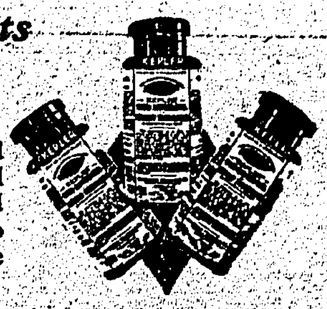

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THE POPULATION OF CHINA.

REASONS FOR THINKING IT IS INCREASING.

RESULTS OF RECENT INQUIRIES.

WILL DOUBLE IN 70 YEARS?

Writing in the *Chinese Economic Journal* on the subject of the composition and growth of rural population groups in China Messrs. C. M. Chiao and J. Lossing Buck of the University of Nanking come to the conclusion that China's population is increasing quite rapidly and at the present rate would double every 70 years.

The authors state:—

There are various opinions on the growth of population in China. The assumption on the part of most Westerners living in the country as well as of Chinese of the older school is that the population is increasing more rapidly than the means of subsistence. The Chinese student who reads the "San Min Chu I" believes that China's population is not increasing and perhaps is even decreasing and that China has no problem of over-population, at least so long as there are certain unsettled areas in the Northwest. Dr. Sun Yat Sen's conclusions are based on the feeling formerly so common to all peoples that the population of another race or nation is increasing more rapidly than one's own, therefore one must advocate a higher birth rate for fear of extinction.

Perhaps no better treatise on China's population of the past has been compiled than that of Rockhill's (1). Because of famines, wars, pestilence, and emigration it is quite possible as is contended by Rockhill, that China's population in the eighteen provinces is little if any greater than it was in 1842. Rockhill estimates that since 1842 such calamities as the Taiping Rebellion, the Mohammedan uprisings and the various severe famines (particularly that of 1878-79) reduced China's population by 47,700,000. Chen Chang Heng has computed the rate of increase in population for different periods and this indicates the effect of the positive checks of flood, drought, pestilence and wars on population (2). China's population increased for the period of 1849-1923 at the rate of doubling in 659 years; for the period of 1800-1923 at the rate of doubling in 216 years, and for the period of 1741-1923 at the rate of doubling in 113 years. The longer period of 182 years probably indicates more nearly the normal rate of growth than do the other periods which are temporarily affected by calamities. One should distinguish, therefore, between the normal rate of growth and the abnormal situations which make for exceptionally high death rates. That China's population has not rapidly increased in the last thirty or forty years is stated only by those who have made the most superficial kind of observation. China's recent contact with the West has stimulated development and has probably been one important factor causing increase (3).

Purpose And Scope Of The Study.

The purpose of this study is to reveal the actual growth of population for a single year period in typical rural districts, for it is in the country where at least eight-tenths of the people of the nation live. In order to understand this growth more completely, data on the composition of the patriarchal farm family and analysis of the population by age and sex is also presented.

The areas studied were chosen because they appeared to be typical and because it was possible to obtain investigators native to the region. The year studied was a normal one. The data comprise 4,216 representative farm families chiefly of the patriarchal type, in eleven regions of eight counties of four provinces. The total population of these families is 22,169 persons and the average size of the family is 5.26 individuals. The number of married women between the ages of 15-44 was 3,287.

Composition Of The Farm Family.

The composition of the farm family by relationship to the male head was obtained for eight out of the eleven regions studied, and this included 2,927 of the total 4,216 families. While the average number of persons per family is small still the members of these patriarchal families comprised six generations, two preceding and three succeeding that of the head of the family. The number of different relatives is great for the whole group of 2,927 families but is small per individual family.

The ratio of males to 100 females shows a preponderance of males for each five-year age group up to 20 years, caused probably by less care being given girl babies, and in some instances and regions by infanticide of girls. For the age group of 20-24 the ratio is nearly even and this change is undoubtedly accounted for by the young men who leave for work in other places. The higher ratio for the five-year age groups of 25-39 may possibly be accounted for by the high death rate for women infected by tetanus during child birth. In the very late age groups the ratio is very low because of the higher death rate for men than women in the later years of life. The ratio of total males to total females for all groups is 114.

Growth Of Population.

The birth rate per 1,000 of the population varies from 20.3 in Chenghsien, Honan, to 70.5 at Suhsien (B), Anhwei, and averages for all regions 42.2. This rate is nearly as high as that of 42.5 for the Soviet Republics (6) in 1923. High birth rates also obtain in other countries such as Egypt, 41.6; Bulgaria, 40.3; and Chili, 39.7. Japan's birth rate is 34.7. The lowest birth rates occur for Switzerland, 19.7. The death rate per 1,000 of the population varies from 6.2 at Maknochiao, Kiangning County, Kiangsu, to 83.4 for the survey made in Yuenchen, Honan, and Pohsien, Anwhei, and averages 27.9 for all regions. Countries having higher death rates than this are Greenland, 33.6; Chili, 32.6; and Ceylon, 31.6. Japan's death rate is 23.6.

The average natural rate of increase is 14.3 per 1,000 persons which is equivalent to an annual natural rate of increase of 1.43 per cent. This corresponds to a doubling of the population in 70 years. Five other countries have a higher natural rate of increase than these data show for China. They are: Bulgaria, 19.6; South Africa, 17.1; Holland, 15.2; Egypt 15.0; and Canada 14.4. Countries having a low natural increase are France 2.6; Austria, 4.0; Greenland 5.1; and Belgium 6.5.

The high death rate of infants in the regions studied is shown by the infant mortality of 129 per 1,000 births and by the proportion ate mortality of infants of 19.6. Countries (6) having the lowest infant mortality rates per 1,000 births are New Zealand (1925), 40; Norway (1923), 49; Australia (1925), 53; and Sweden (1923), 55. United States (for the registration area, 1923) had a rate of 72.1, and England and Wales (1925) a rate of 75. Russia in 1909 had a rate of 248, while Chile had the highest rate of 266. Japan's rate in 1924 was 156. It is this very high infant mortality rate in China which is a significant factor in checking the growth of population.

The marriage rate is 13.7 persons per year per 1,000 of the population. This rate is a little higher than that of 12.8 for the Soviet Republics in 1923, and is much higher than that of 8.3 for Japan in 1926. Other countries having high rates are United States (Registration area in 1924), 10.1; Rumania (1923), 9.9; and Belgium (1926), 9.6. Lowest rates occur as follows: Jamaica, (1924) 3.5; Irish Free State (1924), 4.7; Hungary (1924), 5.7; and Norway (1925), 5.9.

The fecundity (number of births per 1,000 married women between the ages of 15-44) in the regions studied is 285. Countries (6) having high fecundity rates per 1,000 married women of 15-49 years of age are: Bulgaria (1910-11), 280; Ireland (1909-11), 250; and Netherlands (1903-14), 233. This comparison shows that the regions studied in China have the highest rate of any country. It is generally assumed that early marriages, such as are common in China, are conductive to large numbers of children.

It is hoped that these data, even though limited to only a single year period, will contribute original information upon the growth of China's population. The data confirm the opinion of those who from careful observation and experience have concluded that China's population is increasing. Some of the outward signs that may be the result of such increase are as follows:

1.—More crowded housing.

2.—The increase in the number of residences with the consequent increase in size of villages and in the number of villages.

3.—The increase in the number of tea houses along the roadside. A rather literal translation of a Chinese proverb illustrates this point: "Five years of time the tea houses are ten miles apart, ten years of time they are five miles apart."

4.—The increase of fuel gatherers on the mountain sides.

5.—No shortage of farm labourers in spite of emigration to the cities.

6.—Emigration of country boys to cities.

7.—The increase of land values at a rate more rapid than the increase in wages.

8.—The decrease in size of farms. A survey of 130 farms at Yenshan County, Chihli Province, shows a decrease of 11.3 per cent. in the size of farms in a period of 13.4 years (7).

9.—The cultivation of new lands.

10.—The growing of more intensive crops.

11.—Cultivation of crops more intensively.

12.—The development of home industries subsidiary to farming.

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13.—Emigration to less densely populated regions. A survey of 130 farms in Yenshan County, Chihli, shows that about thirteen per cent. of the population of the present generation has migrated (7).

14.—Increase in bandits, robbers, beggars and troublemakers.

15.—The increased ease with which the landlord can secure tenants and the difficulty of the tenant to obtain land for farming.

Conclusion.

The apparent stationary nature of China's population since 1842 is an example of the necessity of using various periods of time if one is to arrive at accurate conclusions on the growth of the population. With the gradual development that has been taking place in China during the last half century, with the curtailment of the effects of crop failures by famine relief, and with the stemming of plagues, it appears that the positive checks have not been as effective as formerly. The present study indicates that for the normal year of 1924-25 for the eleven regions studied there was an increase which if continued, would amount to a doubling of the population in every seventy years. If this is indicative of conditions throughout the country over a

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series of years it may be concluded that China's population shows a net yearly increase as do other populations of the world with the exceptions of certain periods of war, flood, drought and pestilence. Such increase, however, is accomplished with much human misery and with considerable economic waste because of the high birth and death rates. China's problem in addition to seeking an optimum population density is also one of producing a population at less cost and with less human anguish.

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	March 14th, 1928.
A.K. Bank	$1,230 buy.
Do., London	£120 nom.
Chartered Bank	£21½ buy.
Mercantile Bank, A. & S.	233½ nom.
Do. C.	£14½ nom.
P. & O. Bank	£9½ nom.
East Asia Bank	$70 buy.
Canton Insurance	$8.0 buy.
Union Insurance	$431 buy.
North China Ins.	Tls. 143 nom.
Yangtsze Insurance	M. $48½ buy.
China Underwriters	$2.70 buy., 2.80 sa.
China Fire Insurance	$215 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	$740 buy.
Douglases	$41½ buy.
H.K. Steamboats	$37½ buy.
H.K. Tugs	$4.80 sel.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$35 nom.
Do. (Def.)	$42 buy.
Shell Transports	90/- nom.
Waterboats	$20½ nom.
Benguets	$2.35 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	66/- nom.
Langkats (combined)	Tls. 18¾ nom.
Do. (single)	Tls. 10 nom.
S'hai. Explorations	Tls. 2½ buy.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 6.10 nom.
Baubs	$4½ nom.
Tronoh Mines	17/6 buy.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	$142 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	$48¾ nom.
China Providents	$5.40 buy., 6½ sa.
Hongkews	Tls. 164 buy.
New Engineerings	Tls. 4.50 sel.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 99 nom.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 9.10 buy., 8.85/9 sa.
Orientals Cottons	Tls. x.15 nom.
S'hai. Cottons (old)	Tls. 6v sel.
Do. (new)	Tls. 31 nom
H.K. & S. Hotels	$10½ buy., 10¾/.60 sa.
H.K. Lands	$67½ buy., 68 sa.
Shanghai Lands	Tls. 131 buy.
Humphreys Estates	$15 nom.
Hong Kong Realties	$8½ sel.
H.K. Territorials	$1 nom.
H.K. Tramways	$26.10 buy., 26½ sel., 26½/26 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	$12 buy.
Do. (new)	$8½ nom.
Star Ferries	$84½ buy., 65 sa.
China Lights (comb.)	$18 nom.
Do. (old)	$12½ buy.
Do. (new)	$10 buy.
H.K. Electrics	$73 buy., 74 sa.
Macao Electrics	$21 buy.
Telephones	$4.65 buy. & sa.
China Buses	Tls. 6½ buy.
Singapore Tractions	11/9 nom.
China Sugars	$12½ buy., 12½/13 sa.
Malabon Sugars	$27 nom.
Canton Ices	$4 nom.
Cements (combined)	$12.45 buy., 12.40 sa.
Do. (old)	$10 buy.
Do. (new)	$2.10 sa.
H.K. Ropes (old)	39.40 sel.
Do. (new)	$4½ nom.
United Asbestos	$10 sel.
Dairy Farms	$21 buy., 21½ sa.
Watsons	$14.10 buy.
Der A Wings	$2 sel.
Lane Crawfords	$3.60 buy.
Mackintoshs	$22 sel.
Sincere's	$9.60 buy.
Wm. Powells	$5 nom.
H.K. Amusements	$29½ buy.
H.K. Constructions	$14½ nom.
B'que. Indus. C. Bonds	60% buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	6% prem. b ty.

buy.—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales; nom.—nominal.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	Rugby, March 13th.
Paris	124
Brussels	35
Amsterdam	12.125
Berlin	20.41
Copenhagen	18.22
Vienna	34.645
Helsingfors	193¾
Lisbon	2.3/16
Bucharest	790
Buenos Aires	47.29/32
New York	4.87.27/32
Geneva	25.34
Milan	92.35
Stockholm	18.175
Oslo	18.32
Prague	164½
Madrid	29.025
Athens	378½
Rio	5.59/64
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Yokohama	1/11.1/16
Shanghai	2/6¾
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BIGAMY, OR CONCUBINAGE?

REMARKABLE COURT CASE IN PEKING.

RETURNED MEDICAL STUDENT AND A NURSE.

PEKING, Feb. 23th.

The hearing opened on Friday afternoon in the local Chinese Court of an interesting case in which the wife of a Professor in one of the local universities sued him for alleged bigamy.

Chin Yung Knei, the defendant, is a returned student from Germany and has been in charge of the Surgical Department of the National Medical University since 1926. In the course of his teaching work Chin fell in love with Miss Chen, a nurse of the University, and it is alleged by the plaintiff that without her knowledge her husband married the girl last winter at a local restaurant inside Shenchihmen.

Testifying at the trial plaintiff said that she was 29 years old and had been married to defendant for six years. She lived with the parents of her husband and had been cruelly treated by defendant and his parents. Asked whether she knew the girl whom she alleged defendant had married, plaintiff said that she used to come to their house to play Mah Jong but she did not suspect that there was anything wrong in their relations.

Marriage Denied.

Testifying for her husband, Miss Chen, vigorously denied that she married defendant. "I am his concubine," she declared. "There was no marriage ceremony of any kind. It is true that my husband gave a banquet to his friends when he took me into his household, but that was a very informal affair. Moreover we had no go-between. I repeat I am a mere concubine and that my husband is not guilty of bigamy under Chinese law."

Defendant, examined by the Judge, also denied that Miss Chen was his wife. He said he had never been married to Chen and that what had actually taken place was that he and the girl agreed to live together. He also asserted that there was no marriage ceremony nor go-between.

In reserving judgment, the Judge said that apparently defendant had married the girl but was trying to defeat the ends of justice by pretending that he had only taken a concubine. This would be too hard on plaintiff if it were allowed to pass, and he hoped that an arrangement would be come to whereby a separation would be effected with a suitable alimony to plaintiff.

Photograph That Happened By Accident.

The father of the defendant was the last witness examined. He said he did not know that his son was marrying Miss Chen until the day of the wedding. He went to the restaurant but left immediately afterwards. When confronted with the question how it happened that he appeared in the wedding picture, the witness said that it all happened by accident.—*Kuo Wen.*

COCOA FOR BEER.

WHAT THE SOLDIER DRINKS TO-DAY.

A HEALTHIER ARMY.

"During the year under review the health of the troops at home and abroad has continued to be satisfactory." This is the conclusion of the Director-General of the Army Medical Services in his report for the year 1926. He adds that "although there was a slight increase in the hospital admission rate as compared with the previous year, the invaliding and 'constantly sick' rates show further reductions, while the death rate remained the same as in 1925."

In the section dealing with personal hygiene of troops and families it is noted that: "The soldier of to-day having, to a very large extent, given up the consumption of alcohol, beer, and other intoxicating beverages have been replaced by cocoa and coffee or other 'soft' drinks."

The number of men constantly in hospital for the more common diseases averaged 1,145.93 in 1926 and 1,217.79 in 1925. The number of working days lost to the Army at home on this account was 421,557 in 1926 and 444,493 in 1925.

"When it is remembered that the Army consists of a selected population, well housed, well fed, well supervised, the reasons for this loss are difficult to explain," the report observes.

Effect Of Better Boots.

What must appear extraordinarily high are the figures given in connection with the admission to hospital of Gentlemen Cadets. At the Royal Military College the rate was no less than 917.9 per 1,000, 313 out of 341 cadets being admitted. At the Royal Military Academy the figure was 838.4 per 1,000.

"A large proportion of the sickness was due (states the report) to local injuries incurred during training and organised games."

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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

ARMS, OPIUM AND SEDITIOUS LITERATURE.

ANOTHER INCORRIGIBLE BANISHEE.

The cases heard at the Police Courts yesterday were mostly concerned with the smuggling of arms and opium and the possession of seditious literature. Another banishee who had too great a fondness for Hong Kong was also punished with prison and a beating.

ARMS ON THE "PRESIDENT GRANT" AND THE "SPHINX."

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy a Chinese passenger on the s.s. *President Grant* was charged with being in possession of a revolver without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police. It was stated that the firearm was found in the defendant's pocket. He was fined $250.

Another passenger on the same ship was charged with having 100 rounds of ammunition and some spare parts of an automatic pistol. This case was adjourned until Saturday owing to the defendant's solicitor not being present.

One revolver and 60 rounds of ammunition were found on board the s.s. *Sphinx*. These were said to have belonged to a pantry boy. He was charged before the same Court and the case was remanded for one week. Mr. J. T. Prior appeared for the accused.

MORE "RED FLAGS" PAMPHLETS.

More "Red Flag" literature was discovered by the Police when they raided a house at Cross Street, and as a result of the find a Chinese man and woman were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy. His Worship examined a copy of the leaflets and declared it to be a pirated edition of the "Red Flag."

The case was remanded for a week for the Police to have a certified translation made of the printed matter seized.

A similar case in which three Chinese shoemakers appeared as defendants was heard at the Kowloon Magistracy. A quantity of seditious matter was found on their premises at Woosung Street. The case was also remanded for a week for the Police to examine the printed matter.

A young Chinese who had twelve previous convictions against him for selling pamphlets without a licence, appeared for the thirteenth time before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday. He was fined $5.

95 TAELS OF OPIUM.

A Chinese who was carrying a parcel containing 95 taels of raw opium along Shanghai Street was arrested and charged before the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. A fine of $2,000 was imposed and the opium was ordered to be confiscated.

THE RETURN OF THE UNDESIRABLE.

A Chinese who was banished from the Colony for ten years following his serving of a sentence of six months hard labour inflicted in February, 1924, returned to the Colony in June last year. He committed another crime and for that he was given one month's hard labour with eight months for returning from banishment. On the expiry of his term he was again deported for another ten years, but the Police happened to come across him again and marched him before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

His Worship ordered him to return to the gaol for 12 months and to receive 20 strokes of the birch.

EUROPEAN FIRM FINED.

Messrs. Thoresen & Company were fined $10 by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy for failing, in their capacity as agents for the s.s. *Helio*, to send the Superintendent of Imports and Exports an accurate list of all dutiable liquor and tobacco on board the vessel when she arrived here.

Details are given of the numbers of cases and methods adopted in treatment of the various complaints. It is interesting to note that "foot disabilities" as a cause for invaliding dropped from fourth on the list in 1925 to eighth in 1926, "an improvement which is largely due to greater care in the selection of recruits, but in part may be attributed to the use of the new boot for recruits."

"The medical attention provided for the married families is very satisfactory, and excellent work (it is declared) is now being done at the ante-natal clinics and child-welfare centres established in the various commands."

KOWLOON AFFAIRS.

MONTHLY MEETING OF K.R.A.

SUB-COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The first monthly committee meeting of the new committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Monday night in St. Andrew's Church Hall, all members of the committee being present i.e. Mr. E. Cock (President), Mr. B. W. Tape (Vice-President), Mr. E. Abraham (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. C. E. Terry (Hon. Secretary) and Messrs. C. M. Manners, J. M. Noronha, J. H. Hunt, F. C. Mow Fung, W. S. Bailey, F. W. Stapleton, B. Wylie, F. J. Easterbrook, F. H. Crapnell, W. J. Stokes, J. M. Wong, R. Pestonji, T. Arnott, H. Un, A. J. J. Martin, Rev. W. W. Rogers and Rev. J. H. Johnston.

Sub-Committees were appointed as follows:—

Correspondence:—The President, Vice-President and Hon. Secretary.

Children's Playgrounds:—Messrs. F. H. Crapnell, W. S. Bailey and H. Un.

Bathing Facilities:—Messrs. C. M. Manners, J. M. Noronha, and J. M. Wong.

General Business.

A letter from a member with regard to electric wiring systems in Kowloon was discussed at length, and was finally put back for a special referendum.

A request for a bus-stopping place in the vicinity of Kimberley and Granville Roads was considered, and it was decided to request the C.S.P. to institute a stop between these two roads.

A letter from the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., stating that they intended to extend their premises, and inviting suggestions as to improvements was read and discussed. A special sub-committee including two ladies was appointed to study the matter, and to bring forward recommendations to the General Committee.

A reply from the G.O.C. regarding the military forage shed in Chatham Road was considered at length, and it was decided to press for the early removal of this shed and the abatement of the noise attendant on changing guard, etc.

New School.

On the proposal of Mr. Manners, seconded by the Rev. J. H. Johnston, a resolution was unanimously carried that the Committee view with favour a recommendation to the Government that a new school or schools be built in Kowloon, and Mr. Wylie was asked to bring forward data on this subject at the next meeting.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that nearly fifty new members had joined the Association; members are reminded that subscriptions for 1928 are now due, and should be sent to Mr. E. Abraham, C/o Messrs. Tester & Abraham, Hong Kong.

The traffic "White Line" in Salisbury Road, the Public Pier, and the removal of trees in Nathan Road were also dealt with. The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

NATIONALIST EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

TWO MILLION DOLLARS ALLOTTED BY NANKING.

A sum of $2,000,000 has been appropriated by the Nationalist Government for the carrying out of the "Mass Education programme" in the Kiangsu Province, according to Mr. James Yen, director of the Chinese National Association of the Mass Education Movement, who has been invited by the Nationalist University of Kiangsu to come from Peking to assist in the formulation and execution of this province-wide educational programme. After remaining in Shanghai for a few days, Mr. Yen will continue his trip to Nanking.

"That the Nationalist Government fully realizes the fundamental importance of the education of the masses," Mr. Yen said to a representative of the *North-China Daily News*, "is evidenced by the fact that it has inaugurated an Extension Education Department in each of its provincial universities, such as Kiangsu, Chekiang, Kwangtung, etc. The chief aim of this Extension Department is to fight illiteracy and diffuse common education among the masses. Under the capable leadership of Miss Yu Ching Tang (Mrs. C. Y. Tang), a trained specialist in social education, who is now head of the Department of Extension Education Education of Kiangsu University, an extensive mass education programme is now being planned for this province. The programme is going to be an extensive one and it is also going to be worked out in a truly thorough-going fashion. Instead of just a few months of training for the workers, a Provincial Mass Education Training College for administrators and supervisors with a full two-year course is now being organized. Each one of the 61 *hsiens* of this province will be required to send from four to eight candidates, varying according to the size of the *hsien*.

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RHODE ISLAND VETERAN TIRED OF LIVING.

BOTHERED BY REPORTERS.

PAWTUCKET, R.I.

"I'll be 102 years old on February 5th, but I'm not sure to-day that I am going to live until that time," Leprelet M. Logee of Central Falls, oldest Mason in the United States, said recently.

"I suppose if I am around again on my birthday," he continued, "the reporters will be here in droves, like they were last year. Well, I won't be able to tell them much. I don't want to keep on living. I've seen about all I can see. My eyesight failed fast in the past year and I need some one to read to me. Have I got a radio? No, I don't want one. It's of no use now. It is lonesome for me. I'm tired and I await the end. My wish is to live until my birthday and then say good-bye to the world."

The aged man has stopped playing "muggins" (dominoes) as he has "lost interest in the game." He walks occasionally to Pawtucket and he is still able to carry wood from the cellar, but, as he says himself, he "mostly sits around."

"The vittles don't taste as good as they did a year ago," Mr. Logee said, although he still has a good appetite. He deplored the S-4 disaster, saying:

"Too bad to lose all them good, healthy boys. But such is life. We little know what it holds for us."

Mr. Logee, who was born at Burrillville, R.I., the son of a well-to-do farmer, has lived through four wars. He can recall the passing of President Van Buren and how the nation was shocked when Booth killed President Lincoln. He has travelled throughout America. Throughout a most eventful career his health has endured strongly. His neighbours call him a physical marvel. He has superintended cotton mills, North and South, and when the Civil War broke out was operating a plant at Macon, Ga.

Dominoes was his favourite game until last year. When he reached his 100th birthday he had made a record of playing 14,000 games in 20 years with Henry Gallagher.

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MARRIAGE CUSTOMS IN CHINA.

HOW MATCHES ARE DECIDED.

DAUGHTERS—A LOSING PROPOSITION.

[By C.L.C.]

Marriage customs vary in different parts of China, but throughout the length and breadth of this country it has always been held that daughters are losing propositions. This is obviously true to anyone cognisant with the fact that in China matrimony is a distinct gain to the man. He need spend only a small sum of money, and what his wife should bring to his household would amply compensate.

In certain parts of China, a bride continues to be supported by her parents for three years or more after marriage. In Hong Kong this custom is observed only to the extent of a month or so. It depends materially on the wealth of her parents. The path of a Chinese bride is certainly not strewn with roses and she has to pass through a gruelling time during the first three days of her married life.

Happily the "old customs" are now not very rigidly observed. The educated and westernised Chinese have totally discarded the "flowery sedan chair" and its attendant ceremonies. In its place "Mun Ming Kit Fung" has come to stay. This is a semi-foreign ceremony, which can be truly regarded as a great boon to Chinese ladies.

"Lin San" Requested—The First Step.

In the Chinese marriage market the matter is regarded as a contract between two parties, the girl's side, aptly known as the "female side," and the man's side as the "male side." A professional match-maker would begin the affair by approaching the mother on the female side for the *lin san* of a daughter, which she would take to the mother of the male side.

The *lin san* is nothing more than the hour, date and year of the girl's birth and is always written on a piece of red paper. When the male side receives the *lin san*, it is at once taken to a fortune-teller together with the hour, date and year of the birth of the man who is contemplating marriage. The two *lin sans* would be compared by the fortune-telling sage. If he finds that the girl and man were born under friendly stars and that there are no conflicting influences in the lives of the two, he advises the male side mother to proceed with the negotiations.

In The Balance.

The *lin san* would then be taken to the home of the male side for three days, and during these three days nothing out of the usual household routine must be allowed to happen. Should there be an unfortunate slip on the part of the domestic servants such as breaking a tea-cup or a bowl, negotiation would have to be at once broken off. The Chinese consider this a bad omen and that the married life of the two would not be blissful. It has been known for the marriage of young girls to be delayed for over ten years in this way until they were fortunate enough at last to overcome the superstitions and prattling of fortune-tellers.

Striking A Bargain.

If everything goes right during the three days the *lin san* was in the house, the male side approaches the female side to discuss a bargain, and such details as what *trousseau*, furniture, jewellery and other odds and ends the bride is prepared to bring into the house of her husband. The female side would also bargain for the number of cakes, roast pigs, and money the husband was willing to offer. The last item is rarely asked for by well-to-do parents of marriageable girls. Instead of getting a lump-sum in cash, they endeavour to make the male side supply more cakes, pigs and other edibles, as it is "good face" for one's friends to see a daughter command such a high price in the marriage market.

The bargain is invariably a loss to the female side in all parts of China. That is why a Chinese never rejoices at the birth of a girl and for this same reason a Chinese girl is always dubbed a *Sit Poon For* (a bad bargain buy).

The Engagement.

After all the preliminaries have been settled to the satisfaction of both sides, a day will be chosen for the formal announcement of the engagement. In selecting a propitious day, the almanac is carefully consulted. On the day selected, the male side sends over a number of boxes of cakes to the female side during the day and at night a few tables of food are prepared and intimate friends invited to share the joys of the engaged parties. The feast will be given *separately, for no* member of the female side may enter the household of the male side until after the marriage, and the same applies to the male side.

The girl is now pledged to her future husband and all her future movements will be carefully watched by the mother of the man. She has to walk circumspectly and take good care that she does nothing that can cause her to be talked about by gossips. She is no longer her mother's property and during her engagement, she has to spend a good deal of time praying to the gods to bless her betrothed and his family, for if any misfortune were to befall them, she would be regarded as a "hoodoo." Should her intended husband die the unfortunate girl has to remain a spinster for life, for no mother would allow her son to marry a girl who had, before marriage, to use a Chinese metaphory "eaten" a husband.

Renouncing Her Girlhood.

The engagement may be of any duration; it depends on the age and circumstances of the man. On the day before the wedding, the girl has to go through the formalities of renouncing her girlhood. She gets up at three o'clock in the morning to have her hair washed, and after this she remains in bed until the wedding day.

On the day when the maiden renounces her girlhood, her *trousseau*, furniture and every thing that was bargained for is taken to her future husband's house. The Chinese generally make a big parade of this. A number of coolies are engaged to take the things over. If there are forty chairs, forty coolies would have to be engaged, the idea being one man to each present. Generally a wife brings three sets of quilts, a complete set of furniture, cooking utensils, cuspidors, table ornaments and clothes for the four seasons. Her jewellery is placed in a glass case and taken to the husband's house on a table carried by two coolies. The bride supplies everything for the home if her parents are rich, except the bed.

The Wedding.

On the day of the wedding, the bride simply goes to her husband's house in a "flowery sedan chair" accompanied by her younger brothers, or other young relatives. The match-maker and the maid servants also accompany her. On arrival at the door of her husband's house, she waits inside the sedan chair, until her husband comes out and gives a kick at the door of the sedan chair as a signal that she may enter his household.

As a general rule, the bride has a long wait. The friends of the bridegroom prevent him from hurrying out into the street to kick the sedan chair. No matter how much he may sympathise with his bride in the close quarters of the chair he is unable to ignore his friends, and if he did so, he would be looked upon as already a hen-pecked husband.

The girl inside the sedan chair is generally far from happy. There is no ventilation whatsoever inside a closed chair and in the summer months, her lot can well be imagined. She is often kept there for at least four or five hours, before the bridegroom comes out to give the signal. After kicking the door of the sedan chair, he walks away as if he had done a great favour to his wife. The bride is then carried into her husband's house by her maid servants. Her younger brothers are not be allowed to enter, but are given a *lai tie* (the inevitable red paper with money inside) by the bridegroom and they return home.

Paying Forfeits.

The next day, the two *Ah Kou Chai*, brothers to the bride, call with some edibles to enquire after their sister's health. If they are well received, it means well for the girl, and if the contrary, it is a sign that the girl did not find favour in her husband's eye.

On that day the bride has to go through a very rough time which probably costs her parents a few hundred dollars. All her husband's friends make her a centre of ridicule. They ask her riddles, and if she refuses to answer or finds she cannot she has to pay a forfeit of so many catties of fruits, or so many packages of cigarettes. She may be asked to complete a rhyme and on her failing to do so, another forfeit in the shape of so many bottles of wines has to be paid. This goes on for the greater part of the day, and it generally means paying thirty or forty forfeits by her parents if the friends of the bridegroom are to be satisfied.

There is also the religious ceremony of worshipping at her husband's ancestral tablets. She is

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CINEMA NEWS.

SEVENTH HEAVEN COMING TO THE QUEEN'S.

"Seventh Heaven," which has been based on the stage play of the same name which had a successful run in London, is to be shown at the Queen's Theatre for seven days, starting on Sunday next.

Most of the action takes place in the Montmartre quarter of Paris but there are other scenes in the French capital during the early days of the war. The war scenes are very different from any which have been shown previously on the screen.

The cast includes Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, as "Diane" and "Chico." Owing to the exceptional length of the picture there will be only three performances daily which will start promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 p.m.

Advance booking for the dress circle is now open at the Queen's Theatre.

My Best Girl.

Mary Pickford's new picture, "My Best Girl," which is comedy with a note of pathos will be shown at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. The story of a shop girl, Maggie Johnson, who through all the hard knocks she receives, still retains a belief in better things was written by Kathleen Norris. Charles Rogers plays the part of Joe Grant, Mary's employer, with whom she falls in love. A great future has been predicted for this young actor. Many unusual photographic effects have been contrived by Charles Rogers, who has been chief camera man for Miss Pickford during the last ten years.

At The Star.

Kenneth Harlan and Mary McAllister are the two leading players in "The Sap," which is being shown at the Star from to-day to Saturday. The story deals with a man who has been mollycoddled all his life by his mother, is drafted to France during the war, and accidentally becomes a hero. On his return home his reputation is destroyed by the town bully but the climax comes when he vindicates himself by beating his enemy in a terrific fight. The leading lady, Mary McAllister, is a clever little actress, and does some good work in the picture.

At The World.

Magnificent forest settings, drama, romance, comedy, and a spectacular climax, are all to be found in the new film at the World Theatre to-day, "The Understanding Heart." The story deals with the lives of the forest rangers whose work is to watch for fires and fight them when they break out.

A WAITER'S VENDETTA.

TIPS CAUSE ILL FEELINGS.

The tipping of waiters at restaurants by customers has often been the cause of trouble. An example of this was heard in the Police courts yesterday.

A Chinese waiter at a teahouse who looked after the tables in one portion of the shop was told by the management to surrender his "pitch" to another waiter. He was then placed in another corner of the shop where the clients were of a less flourishing type, with the result that his tips were not so good as he had been getting from his old clients.

He considered that the favoured waiter had usurped his place and being very discontented with the whole affair he gave notice. On Tuesday night he returned to the teashop accompanied by a few friends and set upon the unfortunate man who had "taken his job." It is alleged that after knocking the man about, he produced a knife and stabbed him in the back. The assailant and his confreres ran away, and the injured man was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

The Police were, however, able to trace the assailant two hours later and made an arrest. He will be formally charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to-day.

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PIRATED TRADE LABELS.

A TEA MERCHANT'S COMPLAINTS.

The Hop Cheung firm was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday by the Yuen Shut Pun Company in respect of a certain label on packets of tea which had been used by the complainants since 1906.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada for the complainants said that the brand of tea bearing that particular label had been handled by his client since 1906 and there had been many complaints of misapplication of the trade mark.

The defendants pleaded that they bought the tea from a travelling trader and had been given to understand that the brand was a new one put on the market by a supposedly new firm. The defendants also said that the cases had been left intact as they were not intended for local sales. They would have been forwarded to another country.

His Worship said that the defendants had given a satisfactory explanation. There was no doubt that an offence had been committed but not by the defendants. The goods were, however, ordered to be confiscated.

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SAIGON RICE MARKET.

LITTLE DEMAND.

EASIER PRICES ANTICIPATED.

The Compagnie de Commerce & de Navigation d'Extrême-Orient in their report, dated Saigon, March 9th, state:—Our local market is quiet and there is very little demand from anywhere. Supplies of paddy are coming now regularly and we expect easier prices for April delivery.

For brokens, the tendency is weak.

The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to February 29th, 1928, is 256,774,559 tons against 211,433,560 tons in 1927.

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WHAMPOA CADETS.

SHOW HOSTILITY TO CANTON GOVERNMENT?

POSTERS IN MAIN STREETS QUICKLY REMOVED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Evidently with the object of showing disapproval of the official visit to Canton of H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong (Sir Cecil Clementi) and the cordial reception of Li Tsai Hsin and other members of the Canton Government at Hong Kong a number of Whampoa cadets yesterday posted up slogans against the Canton Administration. Some of these slogans read as follows:—"Support General Chiang Kai Shek and his Northern Punitive Military Expedition against the Militarists"; Down with British Imperialists"; "He Who Coalesces with the Imperialists is a Reactionary to the National Revolution"; and "Annihilate all the Chinese Communists."

According to information from official circles the Whampoa cadets, numbering some 1,500 strong, are all General Chiang Kai Shek's men. Officially General Chiang is on the friendliest terms with the Canton Administration. These slogans have now been torn down, but the Government is taking special precautions against any possible trouble. So far, however, all has been peaceful.

The Whampoa cadets were to have gone up to Nanking a week ago, and when about to leave they suddenly received a cablegram from General Chiang Kai Shek, advising them to postpone their going until some later date on account of the financial stringency at the Nationalist Capital.

NOTORIOUS RED TERRORIST EXECUTED?

The arrest and execution of alleged "Reds" in Canton continues. One of the alleged communists shot the other day was Pang Pai, a young man alleged to be the notorious leader who has been responsible for the atrocities in the Hoifung and Lukfung districts. Many doubt whether the executed man was really Pang Pai, but the authorities concerned are confident that he was.

For the purposes of brigandage suppression, the 96 districts of Kwangtung will be divided into five sections, instead of four as first decided.

SPORT.

In the open volley ball championship now being contested in Canton, the Lingnan University team has practically gained the championship. Volley ball is now the principal ball game in Canton City owing to the lack of grounds large enough for football and other ball games. Basket ball, which also takes very little room, is also a popular game.

The South China Athletic Association baseball team, under the management of Mr. Richard Shim, will visit Canton this week-end, and it will play two games on the campus of Sun Yat Sen University. On Saturday afternoon, it will play the U.S.S. *Sacramento* and on Sunday, an all-Japanese team from Shameen. The South China Athletic Association has several officers and baseball players now in Canton who will be glad to meet the visitors from Hong Kong. Those in Canton include Mr. Lee Shing Laan, of the "Dragons" (S.C.A.A.), Mr. Henry Panhoe, a former player of the S.C.A.A., at present Commissioner of public works of Canton City, and Mr. Hin Wong, formerly hon. general secretary of S.C.A.A.

KWANGTUNG FORESTS.

To-day, March 15th, being Arbour Day, the Canton Government, in co-operation with the College of Agriculture of Sun Yat Sen University, is carrying out an elaborate programme to impress upon people the significance of the occasion. There will be tree planting on a large scale on the University Experimental Farm at Shekpai, and lectures by University professors and Government officials on aforestation.

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CANTON'S NARROW STREETS.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FOR SAIKWAN.

DEMOLITION WORK TO BEGIN AT ONCE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The narrow streets and alleys of Saikwan, the western suburb of Canton, are to be widened and modernized. Elaborate plans have been drawn up by the Bureau of Public Works and the work is about to begin. The crooked, narrow, ancient streets to be widened will include Sun Kei Street West, Yung Kweng Street, Poo Tsai Bridge Street, Hou Shing Sun Street, Chiang Lan Street, Sup Tsat Po, Young Hong, and Chang Shau Li.

These are all busy streets and so heavy has been the traffic that wide modern roads are now a dire necessity. The merchants concerned have more than once petitioned the Municipal Government for this work to be taken in hand and were willing to pay every cent of the cost, so that all the Canton Government had to do was to make the necessary survey, draw up the plans and supervise the work. But successive Governments have been so busy with other things that they never thought of attending to the matter until now.

The widths of these modern roads have been specified and the merchants concerned are just about to demolish there the front parts of their shops. The work will be under the general supervision of the Municipal Bureau of Public Works, but will be given to contractors on tender. The contractors are required to complete their work within a certain fixed period and they must use the materials specified by the Bureau. The time limit for completing all the roads has been fixed by the Municipal Bureau at 165 days from actually starting.

In view of the impending demolition of their shops, the merchants concerned in Young Hong and elsewhere are holding sales. The reduced prices should easily see the disposal of their present stocks.

In the opinion of the municipal authorities these new roads will, when completed, add much to the beauty and convenience of the city. Many wide modern roads have already been constructed in Saikwan, but they are far from sufficient to meet the needs of the busy commercial metropolis.

The Provincial Government has pointed out in the proclamation the deplorable depletion of forests in Kwangtung and the absolute necessity for aforestation. The movement will to-day be put on a firm basis. "The citizens of Kwangtung," states the Government proclamation, "must be taught the need of trees, the preservation of forests and the role the trees play in human life.

The Government has further proclaimed that to-day as a general holiday. The Government, however, is most earnestly requesting its citizens, especially the school and college students and other members of the younger generation, to go to the University Farm at Shekpai to listen to the speeches and participate in the general programme.

A special train will convey the participants to Shekpai. So far, several thousands of people have already signed up to go. Most of them are college and middle school students. The preservation of peace and order at the agricultural gathering will be undertaken by the boy scouts of the Sun Yat Sen University, under Mr. Hsuang Hsin Chao.

In addition to this a group of zealous student lecturers have been disseminating facts concerning aforestation in Kwangtung villages. This touring student lecture campaign started last Tuesday morning and will end to-night.

COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY.

QUESTIONS BY HON. SIR H. E. POLLOCK.

MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

COST OF THE AERODROME?

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held in the Council Chamber this (Thursday) afternoon when the Hon. Sir Henry E. Pollock will ask the following questions:—

What information can the Government lay before this Council as to the steps which are being taken in connection with the construction of the new reservoir in the Aberdeen Valley?

What steps is the Government taking by leaflets or notices to instruct householders and others as to the imperative necessity of conserving the water supply of Colony? Why cannot printed notices, in English and Chinese, be sent out to householders periodically? Is it not possible that some economy in consumption might be effected by reducing the amount of the free allowance of water to householders?

In connection with the answer given to the Hon. Mr. Bernard at the last meeting of this Council to the effect that the Imperial Government was contributing £100,000 towards the Kai Tak Aerodrome, what is the estimated sum of money which the Hong Kong Government will have to contribute towards the cost of such aerodrome?

The Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen and the Ordinance to amend the Naturalisation Ordinance, 1902, and to provide for the revocation of naturalisation rights in certain cases will come up for a second reading.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Following the Council meeting there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee when votes amounting to a total of $34,935 for supplementary expenditure will be asked for.

The sum of $9,255 is required to complete the work on the path from Ta Ku Ling to Lin Ma Hang. This is a re-vote of money already earmarked for this purpose.

In the Attorney-General's office a sum of $1,850 is required to pay the salary of a lady stenographer, three months at $150 a month and seven months at $200 a month, who is filling the vacancy caused by the retirement of the Attorney-General's clerk.

New asbestos sheet roofing for the European quarters at Hunghom will cost $4,330. The quarters were roofed with French tiles which have proved unsuitable to the weather conditions. Sanction was given in November last to re-roof the buildings with asbestos sheeting at an estimated cost of $5,450, which will be reduced to $4,330 when the French tiles are taken from the roofs and returned to store.

Armed Launches.

Provision has been made for a monthly payment of £300 for the three armed launches on the West River piracy patrol. The Admiralty have requested that this Government should bear a larger proportion of the cost and it is proposed to increase the contribution to a sum equal to half the hiring and operating costs of the three launches excluding personnel.

It is estimated that this will entail an excess expenditure of $7,500 during the year and a supplementary vote for that amount is accordingly requested.

Entertainment Of Foreign Officials And Forces.

No vote appears in the estimates to cover expenditure connected with the ceremonial entertainment of foreign distinguished visitors and forces, and of official return visits. A supplementary vote of $12,000 is requested in connection with the official visits of H.E. the Governor to Canton and of the Japanese Navy to Hong Kong.

DEPOSIT FOR GOVERNMENT CONTRACT.

THE RIGHT TO CLAIM IT.

LETTER CONSIDERED A FORGERY.

A dispute arising out of a Government contract was discussed in the Summary Court yesterday morning, when Li Ng, trading as the Chiu On Company, sued Ng Pui Lam, who did not appear. The plaintiff, said Mr. M. K. Lo, who represented him, was a well-known contractor, who had had extensive dealings with the Hong Kong Government, and had carried through big contracts, one amounting to a million dollars, for railways in Chinese territory.

The Present Case.

In the present case the father-in-law of the plaintiff's third son, a man called Tsang Chiu had obtained a contract from the Hong Kong Government, but finding that a deposit of $1,000 was required, had borrowed it from the plaintiff. Later Tsang Chiu had died, the receipt was lost or stolen and came into possession of the defendant, who claimed and received the money.

A Mere Figurehead.

The deceased, Tsang Chiu, after he had borrowed the $1,000 from the plaintiff, discovered that he had no money to carry on the work, and the plaintiff undertook to bear all expenses, while Tsang Chiu was to hand over all money less 5 per cent. which he kept for himself.

At this point Mr. Justice Wood remarked that the deceased was a mere figurehead, a man of straw and if there had been any difficulties the Government would have discovered that they were dealing with a man of no substance.

Mr. Lo said he thought that in law the plaintiff would be a partner, and the plaintiff said he would have borne any loss which might have occurred.

An Obvious Forgery.

A letter was produced dated February 6th, 1926, and purporting to be written by the deceased to the P.W.D. a day or two before his death in which he transferred the business to the plaintiff. The plaintiff in his evidence said he saw the deceased sign the letter a few days before his death, which, however, he maintained occurred at dawn on February 6th. His Lordship considered this letter an obvious forgery, though Mr. Lo suggested that he was putting too much reliance on remembrance of events which occurred some time ago.

At Their Own Risk.

Mr. Lo also pointed out that the letter was acted upon by the P.W.D. while the work was undoubtedly done for the Government, but His Lordship replied that the P.W.D. paid him at their own risk, as Tsang Chiu was the sole partner of the Chiu On Company, and in his opinion the contract lapsed at the death of the contractor.

Mr. Lo said that the Government would have a right of action in respect of completion of contract if the contract were unfinished on the death of the contractor, but his Lordship said there could be no right of action against the plaintiff at any time.

A Complete Stranger.

The only thing for the plaintiff to do, continued His Lordship, was to take an action against the personal representatives of the deceased, legally he had no connection whatsoever with the Chiu On Company.

Mr. Lo suggested that even admitting this irregularity in completing the contract, at least the plaintiffs had completed the work, and thus undoubtedly had a better claim to the money than the defendant, who was a complete stranger and had had nothing whatever to do with the contract.

On the application of Mr. Lo the case was adjourned until March 24th, when the matter will be further considered in chambers.

GODOWN KEEPER OR STEWARD.

A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY?

TWO MEN WITH THE SAME NAME.

A possible case of mistaken identity was before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon. The On Hing Co. was suing the Wai Hing Navigation Co. together with Lam Chi Sang and Leung Wing for $1,000, the balance due for goods sold and delivered.

Judgment has already been obtained against the Company, of which the two defendants are alleged to have been partners. Yesterday Mr. Owen appeared for the plaintiffs against the two defendants, while Mr. Russ appeared for Leung Wing, who was in Court. Lam Chi Sang was not present and judgment was entered against him at the conclusion of the hearing.

Collecting Money.

An accountant of the plaintiff firm, Chan Iu Him, told of his attempts to get money from the Wai Hing Navigation Co. Having failed to get money from the firm, on February 3rd he went to see Leung Wing but again failed to collect anything. He went to see Leung Wing because the Company was no longer in existence and Leung Wing had told him personally that the Company had a capital of $7,000 of which he had subscribed $700. Two days later Leung Wing came to see the accountant at his shop, because, as he said, the manager of the Navigation Company was afraid to come. He then said "Do not sue me for the whole amount, sue the other partners of the Company as well."

The Firm's Books.

In cross-examination the witness told Mr. Russ that he borrowed two books of the defendant company from the treasurer and took them to Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley. He stoutly maintained that these books had been borrowed and not stolen. He had tried to return those two books that morning so that they might be produced in Court. Leung Wing, he said, had told him on two occasions that he was a partner in the firm, which statement drew the comment from Mr. Russ, "He must have been a fool."

An Element Of Doubt.

Another accountant of the On Hing Company gave evidence which corroborated part of the story of the first witness, but the former treasurer of the Wai Hing Navigation Company, though he believed that Leung Wing had subscribed $700, could not say definitely whether he was a partner or not. There was certainly an entry in the books that Leung Wing had lent $600 to the firm.

A Poor Man.

Leung Wing, the third defendant, then went into the box. He had been for 27 years a godown keeper at the Kowloon Godowns. He was married and had four children and earned $40 a month. He had no other source of income and, far from being able to save, had great difficulty in making both ends meet. He was not a partner and had never had a share in the Wai Hing Company. How could he afford to lend so large a sum as $600 to the firm?

Another Man.

The last witness was the former manager of the defendant company, who was looking after the winding-up of the firm. He said he could not get the money which was owed as the books of the firm had been lost.

Certainly there was a Leung Wing who was a partner, said witness, but it was not the man in Court. The partner was a steward in a steamship, which would not be back in Hong Kong until May. There were two other partners, of whom the second defendant was one, but both of them were out of the Colony.

An Adjournment.

Mr. Justice Wood entered judgment against the second defendant, but asked Mr. Owen if he would like judgment postponed in the case of the third defendant until the arrival of the ship with the other Leung Wing. There were difficulties in the way of this, His Lordship pointed out, as he himself might very probably have left the Colony before this event, which would necessitate the whole case being re-heard before another judge.

Mr. Owen, after consultation with his client, stated that he would prefer to wait, and Mr. Justice Wood granted an adjournment *sine die* conditionally on the plaintiffs paying the costs of this present action should the case then come before another judge.

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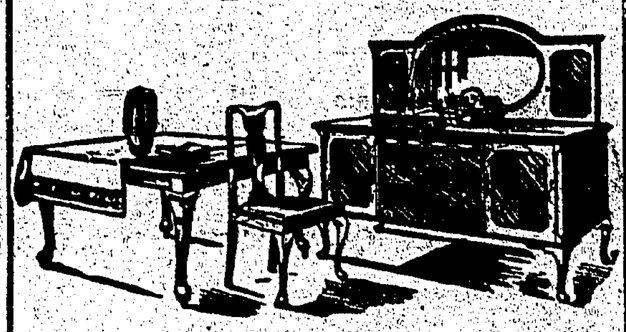

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New-comers desirous of joining should communicate with the Joint Secretary, R. E. LINDSELL, c/o the MAGISTRACY. [6004

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. BUILDING, on FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1928, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd MARCH, 1928, to 16TH MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928. [5924

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS, will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1928, at NOON, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14TH to 20TH MARCH, 1928, (Both Days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th Mar., 1928. [5976

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE 39TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21ST Day of MARCH, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13TH MARCH, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21ST MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928. [5943

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

EASTER MEETING:
SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS for the EASTER MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 31ST MARCH, may be obtained from DR. F. PIERCE-GROVE, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

ENTRIES CLOSE Before NOON, WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1928. [5992

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on MONDAY, the 26TH MARCH, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12TH to the 26TH MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD, General Managers, THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 5th Mar., 1928. [5963

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INTIMATIONS.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that An EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at P. & O. BUILDING, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 12.10 O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON on FRIDAY, the 16TH DAY of MARCH, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of $3,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 300,000 Shares of $10 Each to $6,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 600,000 Shares of $10 Each and that such Additional Shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the Original Capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that A Further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Same Place at 12.30 O'clock in the AFTERNOON on MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of APRIL, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Same Place on MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of APRIL, 1928, at 12.40 O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1.—"That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to capitalise the Sum of $1,500,000 Profits of the Company standing to the Credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding Shares of the Company as on 1st Day of JULY, 1923, in respect of the Net Amount capitalised Fully Paid Shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the Proportion of One Share for Every Two Shares of the Company then held by such Persons respectively and that such Shares so allotted shall rank for Dividends as from the 1st Day of JULY, 1928."

2.—"That if, on such Distribution as aforesaid, any Person would be entitled to a Fraction of a Share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the Whole Share to be allotted to a Person or Persons to be named by the Directors and such Share may, at such Time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the Proceeds distributed amongst the Person entitled to the Fractions making up the Share."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.

By Order of the Board, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents. [5975

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1928, Commencing at 2 P.M. The First Bell will be Rung at 1.30 P.M.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be $1.00 for all Persons including Ladies, Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform: Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure, Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS at $5.00 Each Up to FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1928.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be $2.00. Each Member can obtain, upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB during the Race Meetings. [5998

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if Within THIRTY DAYS from the Date hereof No Claim or Representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to this Company, they will then proceed to deal with such application.

By Order of the Board of Directors, HERBERT R. STURT, Manager and Secretary.

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BIRTH.

HARRIS.—On March 13th, at "Beaulieu," Kingsway, Hove, to Mr. and Mrs. R. V. HARRIS, a daughter. [6008

MARRIAGES.

KEW—HO.—On March 14th, at the Union Church, by the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie, ALBERT EDWARD KEW, third son of Mr. CHARLES HERBERT WHITELY KEW, to NANCY JOYCE, daughter of Mrs. HO FOOK and the late Mr. HO FOOK. [6006

NORTH—GREENING.—On March 13th, at the Peak Church, by the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH to LEO CATHERINE GREENING. [6007

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, MARCH 15TH, 1928.

MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN AND NANKING.

THERE have been reports from Chinese sources for some days past that Marshal CHIANG KAI SHEK is desirous of seeing Marshal LI TSAI HSIN in Nanking. A conference of short duration was suggested, but now it is reported that the Nanking Government has appointed Marshal LI, Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Armies, and has "ordered" him to assume his new post immediately.

Everyone in South China will sincerely hope that these "orders" will be disregarded. Marshal LI is urgently needed in Canton. His presence there and the prospect that, under his wise guidance, an efficient and stable administration will be maintained has already led to a return of confidence. This confidence will be seriously shaken if under any pretext or promise he leaves again for the North.

As we have repeatedly urged, the one chance of rehabilitation that Canton possesses lies in its ability to keep itself free from any entanglement with the military operations between Nanking and Peking. It is time that the civil war, with its insensate waste of men and money, should cease. Canton's further participation will only mean a prolongation of the struggle with advantage to neither side.

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Canton has already very wisely withdrawn from the conflict, and it should remain aloof. If it does so there is every chance of substantial trade development, and future prosperity seems assured. If it enters once more into the arena, or even handicaps itself by any form of alliance with the Nationalist Armies on the Yangtsze it will be running a great risk for no purpose. It is impossible to foresee the outcome, but at the best it will mean increased taxation to provide for military expenditure, the dispatch far afield of forces still required to suppress the bandits and brigands in the Liang Kwang provinces and the recurrence of political intrigue for place and power. History will repeat itself. Marshal LI has won in an unparalleled measure the confidence and trust of his own people and of foreigners. There will be nothing but the acutest disappointment in all circles if he turns aside at this particular juncture from the task which he has so auspiciously commenced.

The Colony had a clean bill of health as regards infectious disease on Tuesday.

Another concert will be given for Service men next Tuesday at the "Choer-O" Y.M.C.A. and it is hoped to arrange a party to visit the Sham Shui Po camp in the near future.

Three matsheds just at the back of the A.P.O. installation at North Point were burnt to the ground early on Tuesday morning. The fire was apparently caused by workmen cooking their meals inside the shed. The damage done amounted to about $700.

PRINCE AND THE RED ENSIGN.

It is pleasant to read in detail in the newspapers that have come to hand of the satisfaction given by the appointment of the Prince of Wales as "Master of the Merchant Navy and the Fishing Fleets." In conferring this title His Majesty the King has done honour where honour was due. For some time, we understand, the King had been considering how best he could show his appreciation of the services rendered to the Empire in war and peace by the men of the merchant navy and the fishing fleets. Consultations took place with the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, and this title, which was King George's original choice, was adopted. Other titles, such as that of "Warden of the Merchant Navy," were considered, but it was considered that the King's own suggestion could not be improved upon.

A new and intimate tie has been established between those staunch and loyal services and the Throne. They have received a status and a dignity comparable to the Army and the Navy, of which the Sovereign is the head. The Merchant Service and the Fishing Fleets have always played a heroic and hazardous part in peace and war. Queen Elizabeth and her immediate predecessors financed and rewarded voyages of discovery, and their successors have never failed in admiration and support of the mercantile marine which, equally with the Royal Navy, has extended the British Empire throughout the seven seas. It is, therefore, a fine gesture by which the King has conferred through the Prince of Wales the new recognition of the splendid service they have rendered.

The British nation and the Empire are not likely to forget the risks they encountered during the war. In spite of submarine attacks they never flinched in their duty, and it takes a man of a rare courage to meet unarmed an armed foe. No fewer than 14,816 officers and men of the mercantile marine, and 434 of the fishermen of Britain lost their lives in ships sunk and damaged by the enemy, while 30,000 were severely wounded. Of merchant ships sunk there were 2,479; and of fishing vessels sunk 675, besides the many damaged. But as these figures do not include colliers, hired trawlers, drifters, etc., serving under the blue or white ensign, only a faint indication is given of what the crews braved and endured.

In taking up his high office the Prince becomes the titular head of more than one-third of the world's shipping. This is no military office. No military duties go with it, no pomp and circumstance, or any ceremony. No uniforms belong to it, save the simple work-a-day dress of the Merchant Service officer or the jersey and thigh boots of the fisherman. There is no flag save the Red Ensign, which is seen and honoured upon all the seas and in all the ports of the world. At present there are no duties attached to the office of Master of the Merchant Navy and the Fishing Fleets; but with his energetic personality the Prince of Wales may be trusted to make the position a real one.

A coal coolie was fatally injured when he accidentally fell into the hold of a lighter whilst at work at Wanchai, off the reclamation.

Chan Hung, one of the four men who shot down Sergt. McMahon and other constables at Wing Lok Street, and who was sentenced to death at the Criminal Sessions paid the supreme penalty early yesterday morning. The usual death enquiry was held in the afternoon by Mr. R. E. Lindsell sitting as Coroner with a jury. A verdict that death was in accordance with the process of law was recorded.

According to a report made to the police by Mr. Lee, of the Marconi International Marine Communication Co., of 15, Connaught Road Central, an attache case containing a volt reading meter and some tools, valued at $85, were stolen on Tuesday. Mr. Lee left the attache case on a counter at Sincere's store whilst shopping there and after examining some articles, Mr. Lee turned to find that the case had been stolen.

The Helena May Institute will give its final musicale of the season on Thursday, March 22nd, at 5.30 p.m. Mrs. Womack, Mr. Glover and Mr. Gardner will sing, Mrs. Hargreaves-Browne and Mrs. Griggs will accompany. A concerto will be played by Mrs. Cashman and Mr. Bowes-Smith on two pianos. Violinists—Mrs. Balean, Mrs. Aubrey and Miss Acheson. Tables for tea must be booked by Wednesday afternoon at the latest.—ADVT.

The hearing of the Laichikok murder case was continued before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when two Indian watchmen employed at the Standard Oil Company's Installation at Laichikok gave evidence for the Crown of a formal nature. It will be remembered that the murdered man, an Indian watchman, and the accused, were alleged to have been seen chasing each other on the evening of the murder following a drunken carousal The case was adjourned.

LOCAL WEDDING.

KEW—HO.

The wedding of Miss Nancy Joyce Ho, of the Hermitage, 42, Kennedy Road, daughter of the late Mr. Ho Fook, to Mr. Albert Edward Lew, of 7a, Macdonnel Road, son of Mr. Charles H. Whitely Kew, took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Union Church. The Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie performed the marriage ceremony and Mr. Longear was at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Ho Iu, wore a very lovely dress of white satin and silver lace and carried a bouquet of Easter lilies. She was attended by two flower girls, the Misses Pamela Doris and Cecilia Kate Ho, who wore frocks of pink georgette, and Master Algy Ho as page boy in black velvet with a pink blouse. The flower girls carried large bunches of roses. Miss Lilia Julanne Cheung was maid of honour. She wore a dress of pale blue taffetas trimmed with silver lace. Mrs. Ho Fook, mother of the bride, was attired in blue satin and silver lace. All the dresses were made by Madame Clerget, of Ice House Street. The office of best man was filled by Mr. E. Manning.

After the wedding a reception was held at 18, Macdonnel Road, and later Mr. and Mrs. Kew left for their honeymoon which is to be spent at Repulse Bay, and later at Shanghai. The bride wore a dress of blush pearl *crêpe de chine* with hat and shoes to match.

A WOMAN TRICKSTER.

SLEIGHT OF HAND IN PAWNSHOP.

$600 RING DISAPPEARED.

Men are not the only crooks operating in the Colony as it would appear from a police report yesterday. There is certainly one Chinese woman who has been going about victimising her own sex.

A Chinese widow who had a $600 diamond ring filched away from her said that she took three diamond rings to a pawnshop to pledge them. There she met a well-dressed young Chinese woman, who said that she had called to buy some unredeemed pledges. She particularly wanted diamonds and asked the widow if she was willing to sell one of the three rings. The widow agreed and showed her the rings.

The trickster made a great show of examining the rings with minute care and finally selected one. The price was asked for and eventually fixed at $600. The confidence woman replaced the three rings in their case which she handed back to the widow saying that she was going to get her uncle to come to the shop to pay the money. She asked the widow to wait for her return. After she had left, the widow opened the case and to her dismay she found that it only contained two rings. A search for the trickster is still going on.

DAYLIGHT ARMED ROBBERY.

WOMEN VICTIMS TERRORISED.

HOUSE IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST RANSACKED.

Another armed robbery was reported from the western district yesterday afternoon; and although it followed the general lines of house robbery, it had the unusual feature of being committed in broad daylight and in the middle of a thickly populated district.

Three men two of whom were armed with revolvers and one with a dagger, obtained admission by a ruse into the third floor of No. 203 Queen's Road West shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday. The premises at the time were occupied by two women. They were soon overpowered, bound and gagged.

The three thieves went about their job in quite a leisurely fashion, ransacking the whole house systematically and taking everything that was of any value. They decamped with clothing and jewellery to the amount of $154.

The unfortunate victims were able to free themselves some time after the robbers had left and reported the matter to No. 7 Police Station. Detectives were at once sent out to investigate but up to a late hour last night, no arrests had been made.

ANOTHER BRIBERY CHARGE.

STORY OF OPIUM IN A JUNK.

POLICE LAUNCH COXSWAIN IN TROUBLE.

The Chinese coxswain of a police launch was charged yesterday before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy with receiving a $150 bribe from a boat woman.

A European police sergeant said that on February 28th, he received a message in the afternoon asking him to meet the sender of the message at 8 p.m. outside the Railway Station as the sender knew a junk which had opium on board. The appointment was kept. At the Station, the defendant and three others approached the sergeant and told him that they would take him to a junk where there was opium on board. They came to Hong Kong and from Wing Lok Street wharf they took a sampan and rowed out to the junk. On board the junk witness found a small quantity of opium and some opium dross. There was also a pipe and an opium lamp. Witness found that the quantity of the drug was so small that he could not possibly arrest anyone for it. The women on board the junk, however, were scared and offered witness $200. Witness took no notice and went away.

It appeared that after the sergeant had left, the defendant and his three friends returned to the junk and demanded $165. The mistress of the junk did not have the money with her, so she took them ashore and borrowed $150 from a friend. This money was paid over to the defendant and while she was protesting her innocence a passer-by heard her and advised her to take the matter to the police. She did with the result that the defendant was arrested.

The case was adjourned until Monday afternoon. Bail was fixed in the sum of $1,000.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone over N. China is stationary. Strong to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast.—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.

KUOMINTANG TROOPS AGAIN UNITED.

HUPEH AND HUNAN "APPEASED."
TARDY GENERALS FALL INTO LINE.

NANKING HOLDING ANOTHER CONFERENCE.
FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS AGAINST THE NORTH.

PEKING'S GOVERNMENT AND AUSTRIA'S BOXER INDEMNITY.

After a sorry mix-up that has lasted for months, it is reported that the recalcitrant military leaders of Hupeh and Hunan are now willing to fall into line with other Kuomintang troops and join in a general attack on the North.

The local vernacular newspapers report that Marshal Li Tsai Hsin and General Chen Tsai Tong will shortly go to Nanking to consult with the leaders there regarding "the political and economic problems of Kwangtung; also as to sending Cantonese forces to participate in the Northern expedition."

THE KUOMINTANG TROOPS NOW UNITED.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 14th.

The Hupeh and Hunanese military leaders, including Ching Chien, Pei Chung Hsi, Li Ben Hsin, Hu Chung Tu, Ho Chien and Wei Yi Sen, have jointly issued a telegram to the effect that Hupeh and Hunan have already been appeased and therefore all the allied armies formerly participating in the "Western Punitive Expedition" are now prepared to march towards the Kin-Han Railway zone for the purpose of taking an active part in the Northern Expedition, in accordance with the Kuomintang military revolution programme. They are also willing to detach a portion of their forces to aid Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang and General Yen Shih Shan in the coming campaign.

ANOTHER NANKING MILITARY CONFERENCE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 14th.

Yesterday the Nanking Military Council called a conference to discuss arrangements for the coming campaign against the Fengtiensee. It is most probable that Marshal Chiang Kai Shek will soon proceed to Hsuchow to start operations.

CHIANG KAI SHEK LEAVES NANKING.

TROOP MOVEMENTS TAKING PLACE.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

March 14th.

On March 15th (to-morrow) Marshal Chiang Kai Shek will leave Nanking for the front. Wuhu and Nanking troop movements are also reported to be taking place.

MARSHAL LI AND GENERAL CHEN GOING TO NANKING.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 14th.

According to official information, Marshal Li Tsai Hsin and General Chen Tsai Tong will go to Nanking to consult with the Nanking leaders regarding the political and economic problems of Kwangtung and also the possibility of sending part of the Cantonese forces to participate in the Northern expedition.

PEKING AND AUSTRIA'S BOXER INDEMNITY.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 14th.

General Yen Shih Shan has telegraphed to Nanking to the effect that he has received information that the Peking Foreign Office, of which Mr. Lo Wan Kan is the head, is secretly negotiating with the Austrian diplomatic representative in connection with the return of the Boxer Indemnity of Austria to the Peking Government. It is stated that the Austrian Government demands that the settlement of this should be based on gold francs as was demanded by France.

General Yen, in the same telegram, warns the Nanking Government to keep sharp watch on this affair.

BANDITS FIRE AT JARDINE STEAMER.

TWO PASSENGERS WOUNDED.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

WUHUEH, March 14th.

Fighting is taking place here and two Chinese passengers on a Chinese steamer were wounded by stray bullets.

The s.s. *Kut Wo*, belonging to the Indo-China Navigation Co., was fired upon by bandits when nearing Wuchang. Two Chinese passengers were hit by bullets. The armed guards on board the *Kut Wo* returned the fire causing some casualties to the bandits.

MR. ANDREW MELLON AND A SUBSCRIPTION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 13th.

Mr. Andrew W. Mellon, the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, *subpoenaed* by the Senate Oil Committee, explained that he received a package of Liberty Bonds to the value of $50,000 from Mr. Hays, with a suggestion that he should keep them, and subscribe a similar amount to the Party Funds.

Mr. Mellon declared that he objected, as he felt he would be making a subscription that was not what it purported to be. He returned the Bonds, but later made a *bona fide* subscription to the same amount.

NEW YORK, March 14th.

Mr. Hays corroborated Mr. Mellon's testimony but denied that he had done any wrong.

FLIGHT-LIEUT. KINKEAD'S BODY FOUND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 13th.

The wreck of the Super-Marine Napier, which crashed yesterday, killing the famous Schneider Cup airman, Flight-Lieutenant Kinkead, has been found.

The machine was in two parts, namely the engine and the fuselage, and the body of the dead airman was found inside. The body was removed to the mortuary at Calshot.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

What Kinkhead Did.

RUGBY, March 14th.

It is now revealed that Kinkead before his fatal accident attained, in a previous trial with a Super-Marine Napier, a speed of more than 330 miles an hour.

A further theory advanced as to the cause of the accident is that the pilot was affected by the engine fumes.

BRITISH UNEMPLOYED.

MORE SATISFACTORY FIGURES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 14th.

The latest weekly return shows that the number of persons unemployed is 1,084,500. This is more than 14,000 less than in the previous week and about 40,000 less than in the corresponding period of last year.

THE DONETZ SENSATION.

BRITISH ENGINEERS ALSO ARRESTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, March 13th.

The German Ambassador to Moscow has telegraphed the result of his conversations with M. Chicherin regarding the arrests of foreign engineers who were working at the Donetz coal basin.

M. Chicherin has not vouchsafed any information justifying the arrests beyond stating that an investigation is being made, the result of which would be communicated to the German Ambassador.

Dr. Stresemann, the Foreign Secretary, has just returned from Geneva and it is anticipated that he will take the matter up vigorously with the Russian Government.

The Berlin newspapers describe the affair as an outrage and demand that Germany break off the present trade negotiations with Russia. The negotiations have been proceeding for the past fortnight.

A number of British engineers were arrested at the same time, but as diplomatic relations do not exist between Britain and Russia, Germany has undertaken to conduct any necessary negotiations.

"REDS" ATROCITIES IN HUNAN.

GERMANS' NERVE-WRACKING EXPERIENCES.

GHASTLY CRUELTIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, March 14th.

Spared from unspeakable torture and probably murder by medical knowledge which they applied to the treatment of wounded Communists, a German engineer and his wife, who have just arrived in Hankow from Chenchow, Hunan, related their terribly harrowing experiences to newspapermen.

Both are in an extremely distressed state as the result of the horrors through which they have passed, but they stated that the same band of Communists who sacked the once prosperous city of Leiyang, and destroyed it, attacked Chenchow and carried out their campaign of slaughter, incendiarism and rapine.

Orgy Of Slaughter.

The German engineer, who is employed by a Chinese mining company and was living in Chenchow with his wife, was unable to escape, and they were seized by the Communists and forced to witness the torturing and butchering of hundreds of Chinese in shocking circumstances.

They were spared a similar fate only because they possessed medical skill and were able to doctor many of the Communists who were wounded in the successful attack by Pei Chung Hsi on Yeiyang.

Horrible Methods.

Both the German victims of the Communist orgy are in an overwrought condition and a prolonged interview was not permitted by Hankow medical men, but they stated that the Reds adopted most horrible methods with their unfortunate victims. Some were burned alive, others had their eyes gouged out, while others had various members of their bodies sliced off.

The man told the interviewers that a huge area in South Hunan and Northern Kwangtung is infested with the Communist hordes from Swatow and Canton, who have been joined by the disbanded followers of Marshal Tang Seng Chi and are creating a terroristic reign in all the villages and small towns.

AWFUL CALAMITY IN CALIFORNIA.

DAM BURSTS WITH APPALLING EFFECT.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST.

VALLEY TRANSFORMED INTO A DESERT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

LOS ANGELES, March 13th.

It is estimated that nearly 400 were killed in an earthquake which smashed a 100-feet high reservoir dam in the San Francisco-Quito Canyon, 40 miles north of here, releasing the flood to the surrounding townships. The dam was part of the city water supply; rescuers are rushing to the scene.

The theory of an earthquake is doubted as it was not felt elsewhere.

Eight Hundred Missing.

NEWHALL, California, March 13th.

Reports from mortuaries and hospitals in connection with the stricken dam disaster show that nearly 200 bodies have been recovered. A further 800 persons are missing.

LOS ANGELES, March 14th.

The pretty valley of the San Francisco-Quito Canyon has been transformed into a wreckage-strewn desert, with thick yellow sand impeding the feet of thousands of volunteer workers belonging to every rescue organisation in California, who are searching for bodies.

Here and there dead live stock stick out of the mud beneath which dozens of victims must be buried.

A few survivors are dementedly digging to find their relatives.

INDIAN VOTES OF CENSURE.

TWO ANTI-GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NEW DELHI, March 13th.

Two anti-Government motions were carried in the Assembly to-day, the first moved by Motilal Nehru, opposing the grant of 340,000 rupees for the expenses of the Statutory Commission, being carried by 66 votes to 59.

Another resolution, nominally reducing the Estimates as a mark of censure on the Government for the non-appointment of an Indian as leader of the Indian delegation to the League of Nations, was carried by 76 votes to 45.

U.S. POLITICAL SENSATION.

MR. HOOVER DENOUNCED IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

RESIGNATION DEMANDED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 14th.

Mr. Brand (Republican) Ohio, caused a sensation at a crowded meeting of the House of Representatives by demanding the resignation of Mr. Hoover on the ground that his office is honeycombed with politics and that Mr. Hoover had been largely financing his presidential campaign from the Federal Treasury. He instanced Mr. Hoover's recent appointment of the Assistant Secretary of Commerce who he (Mr. Brand) asserted, was now running Mr. Hoover's campaign in Ohio.

[Mr. Hoover is Secretary of Commerce.]

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

INVESTIGATION INTO THE RECENT "CORNER."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 14th.

The Stock Exchange began its investigation of the report on the technical "corner" which existed in the Radio Corporation common stock, in view of the shares' advance of $45 in the last seven trading sessions.

BRITISH DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

APPOINTMENTS TO BRUSSELS AND COPENHAGEN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 13th.

The King has approved the appointment of Earl Granville, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at The Hague, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Brussels and Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Luxembourg.

[Earl Granville, G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., who is 56, has been Minister at The Hague since 1926, having formerly served in the Diplomatic Service in Berlin, Cairo, Athens, Vienna, Paris, Copenhagen and Brussels, while he also spent some time in the Foreign Office.]

New Minister To Denmark.

The King has also approved the appointment of Sir Thomas Hohler, K.C.M.G., until recently Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Santiago de Chile, in a similar capacity at Copenhagen.

[Sir Thomas Hohler spent over 13 years of his diplomatic career in the Near East, serving at Cairo and Constantinople in different capacities. He went to Tokyo in 1901, but returned to Cairo in 1903. In 1908, he was sent to Mexico as head of the Legation, and during the War was Councellor of the Embassy at Washington. Sir Thomas Hohler was given many prominent appointments in Eastern Europe after the war, but was appointed to Santiago de Chile in 1924 after completing a special Mission to Mexico.]

ASIATIC MAGNETIC EXPEDITION.

THE FINAL STAGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DELHI, March 13th.

The arrival of the party consisting of an American missionary, Mr. Plymer, a British missionary, Mr. Matheweson, and Dr. Filchner, a German scientist, at Leh, marks the second and final stage of the Asiatic Magnetic Expedition, extending over Tibet from East to West.

The party claims to have added greatly to the knowledge of terrestrial magnetism by establishing *vid* Kuja a connection between the West Asiatic and European magnetic net and the Chinese net made by the Carnegie Expedition.

They have also made a big advance by linking up the Chinese and Indian nets.

Since the expedition set out from Kulja, 156 magnetic stations have been established.

The party is going to Srinagar from Leh.

RUBBER INDUSTRY.

CEYLON CONDEMNS RESTRICTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOMBO, March 13th.

The Legislative Council after a long debate on the rubber question, adopted a motion by thirteen votes to nine, condemning the Stevenson Restriction Scheme as wholly uneconomic for Ceylon.

ROYAL VISITORS TO LONDON.

THE AFGHAN KING AND QUEEN.

HEARTILY WELCOMED IN LONDON'S FOG.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 14th.

Dense overhead fog plunged the whole of Central London in darkness this morning and threatened to rob of some of its splendour the processional drive of the King and Queen of Afghanistan to the Guildhall, where they were being entertained at luncheon by the Lord Mayor of London.

The weather, however, improved later and large crowds lined the streets to see the royal visitors drive past.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

RUGBY, March 13th.

King Amanullah of Afghanistan, and his Queen, had an imposing official reception and a wonderful popular welcome when they arrived in England from Calais to-day.

From the middle of the English Channel to Dover, four British destroyers escorted the steamer *Maid of Orleans* in which the Royal visitors came from France, while overhead flew five fighter aeroplanes.

As the *Maid of Orleans* entered Dover Harbour, the guns of Dover Castle thundered forth the royal salute, while waiting on the quay were the Prince of Wales, wearing the uniform of the Welsh Guards, and with him were Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, Lieut.-Col. Sir Francis Humphrys, the British Minister at Kabul, the Afghan Minister in London, and the British suite to be attached to Their Afghan Majesties.

As soon as the vessel had been made fast, the Prince of Wales approached the gangway and welcomed King Amanullah and Queen Souriya while the band played the Afghan national anthem.

"Splendid Figure."

King Amanullah was a splendid figure in a gorgeous uniform of a skyblue tunic and scarlet trousers under a long grey green cloak. He wore a black and scarlet helmet, surmounted by a white cockade. His suite also wore brilliant uniforms.

Queen Souriya was fashionably dressed in European style.

After inspecting the Guard of Honour, their Majesties listened to the Address of Welcome presented by the Mayor and Corporation of Dover.

The Mayoress handed Queen Souriya a bouquet of red and white roses and the Queen bowed her thanks.

Accompanied by the Prince of Wales, the King and Queen of Afghanistan proceeded to London in a special Royal coach.

At Victoria Station.

At Victoria Station, London, Britain's guests were awaited by King George and Queen Mary, with whom were the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Henry, and Prince Arthur of Connaught. There was also a distinguished assembly, which included Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Premier, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, and other members of the Cabinet in levee dress and the heads of the fighting Services in military uniform.

As King Amanullah stepped from the train, he was greeted heartily by King George who wore a Field Marshal's uniform.

Queen Souriya was presented to Queen Mary and they shook hands equally as cordially.

Their Afghan Majesties were then introduced to the members of the British Cabinet and to Field Marshal Sir George Milne, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Madden, and Air Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard.

King Amanullah inspected the Guard of Honour, while the band of the Guards played the Afghan national anthem.

Cheering Crowds.

In state carriages the British and Afghan Royal parties then drove to Buckingham Palace.

As they emerged from the station they were cheered vociferously by one of the largest crowds ever seen at a reception of this kind. The demonstration continued along the whole route to the Palace. Women spectators were particularly anxious to see Queen Souriya of whose beauty much had been heard, and she was generally admired.

After the ceremonial reception of the Afghan King and Queen at Buckingham Palace, the Royal visitors left by motor-car to pay homage at the Cenotaph.

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A huge wreath was placed by King Amanullah at the base of the Cenotaph, and stepping back a few paces, the Afghan King stood for a moment bareheaded and bowed.

The King and Queen proceeded to Westminster Abbey where a wreath was laid on the grave of the Unknown Warrior.

Afterwards at St. James' Palace, a deputation of the London County Council and the Westminster City Council presented Addresses.

State Banquet.

This evening, a State Banquet is being given in honour of King Amanullah and Queen Souriya at Buckingham Palace. It will take place in a brilliant setting. Light from the gold candelabra will illuminate the Banquet Hall and the famous gold plate has been brought from Windsor Castle for the occasion.

The King's bodyguard of Yeomen of the Guard forming a cordon around will give a mediæval touch to the scene.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Government's Guests.

LONDON, March 13th.

The King and Queen of Afghanistan arrived with their entourage at Dover to-day, being met by the Prince of Wales and Viscount Allenby.

A special train to Victoria Station was met by King George and Queen Mary, who warmly welcomed the royal visitors. For the next three days, the King and Queen of Afghanistan will be the guests of Their Majesties at Buckingham Palace.

Afterwards the Afghan visitors will be the guests of the British Government at Claridge's Hotel.

CAPTAIN HINCHCLIFFE ATTEMPTING TO FLY THE ATLANTIC.

FROM ENGLAND TO NEW YORK.

BELIEVED ACCOMPANIED BY VISCOUNT INCHCAPE'S DAUGHTER.

HONOURABLE ELSIE MACKAY AS RELIEF PILOT.

NO NEWS OF THE FLIERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 14th.

At 8 o'clock this morning there had been no news received in London of Hinchcliffe, who is flying to New York.

Lord Inchcape's Daughter's Disappearance.

The staff of Lord Inchcape's town house waited all night long for news of Lord Inchcape's daughter, the Honourable Elsie Mackay, as she had not returned and nothing had been heard of her.

Thus the report that she was accompanying Hinchcliffe as relief pilot—which she denied last week—is apparently true.

Nothing Known In Newfoundland.

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, March 14th.

At 6 o'clock this morning the weather was fine and clear and favourable for flying, but the wireless stations had heard nothing of Hinchcliffe during the night.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

LONDON, March 14th.

Captain Hinchcliffe, whose plans for a non-stop flight to India were recently a newspaper feature, started for an "unknown destination" at 8.40 a.m. this morning, in a giant Stimson monoplane, which he has named the *Endeavour*.

There were very few onlookers when the giant machine took the air at Cranwell Aerodrome, and a curious reticence was maintained by the aviator.

It is known that the plane was laden with petrol sufficient for a 3,000 miles non-stop flight and further, that it set off in a westerly direction.

Mrs. Hinchcliffe Interviewed.

Afterwards, Mrs. Hinchcliffe who was beset by Press representatives told them he was going to Baldonnel Aerodrome at Dublin and that he would there prepare for a flight across the Atlantic, but information from Dublin shows that Capt. Hinchcliffe had not arrived there by the afternoon.

Hinchcliffe's London agent told Pressmen that Hinchcliffe intended to attempt a Transatlantic flight from England to America.

Sighted Over Cork.

LATER.

An aeroplane, believed to be Capt. Hinchcliffe's *Endeavour*, was sighted over Mizzen Head, Cork, this afternoon.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Further Details.

RUGBY, March 14th.

Captain Hinchcliffe, the well-known British airman, who left the aerodrome on a flight for an unknown distination yesterday, was seen over the Irish coast yesterday afternoon. It is believed that he is heading for Newfoundland, 1,800 miles distance to be first airman to cross the Atlantic direct in an aeroplane. His effort was kept a close secret.

A report from Newfoundland states that the weather is favourable.

Close watch is being kept for the airman from the land and by fishing fleets engaged in operations 200 miles off the coast.

M. LITVINOFF AT GENEVA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, March 13th.

M. Litvinoff, M. Lunacharsky and ten other Russian delegates to the Preparatory Disarmament Commission arrived to-day almost unnoticed.

OBITUARY.

DR. R. B. DEAN.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 14th.

The death is announced of Dr. Robert Beebe Dean, an ex-medical missionary in China.

UNDERGROUND MAIL TRAINS.

LONDON'S NEW LINE OPENED.

LONDON, February 10th.

The first underground railway devoted exclusively to the carriage of mails—the construction of which was begun in 1914 but was held up for years owing to the war and the high prices that followed—was inaugurated in London yesterday.

Along its double rails for 6½ miles between Paddington, W., and Whitechapel, E., trains that are driverless, guardless, and passengerless will maintain a two-minutes service day and night in both directions. They will carry 23,000 mail bags a day, representing 45 tons an hour, and one result will be that street congestion in the busiest parts of London will be relieved of 1,300 van miles a day.

A reporter who descended by lift to the new Paddington (Mail) Station writes:—

I found myself in a small two-platform copy of a Tube station, complete even to the indicator on which the names of the seven other tiny stations flashed in turn.

Peering into the gloom of the tunnel, one saw the three-truck, electrically controlled trains approaching at 35 miles an hour, slowing until they glided into the station at 8 miles an hour, and stopped.

Postmen-Porters.

They halt where there are trapdoors in the platform, and where postmen-porters wait to receive them. In an instant doors are opened, parcels and letter containers removed, and the whole cargo shot into the trapdoors.

Beneath the platform is a moving band on which the mails fall. From this they pass to another band which carries them up to the "lawn," the space where the Royal Mail vans used to arrive near the public entrances to Paddington platforms, and from there are taken to catch their train on the "real" railway.

Mails that have been brought to Paddington reach the Underground Mail Railway by a similar system.

There can be no collisions. Each train—which runs or stops as the will of a man in a control cabin—leaves "dead" line behind it as it travels, and the brakes are always on when the current is off, and always off when the current is on.

Lifts, chutes, elevators, and conveyors link up the sorters in distant postal offices with the platforms of Liverpool-street and Paddington Stations.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

WINS FOR R.A. AND K.O.S.B.

The following are the results of games played in the Hong Kong League yesterday:—

Division I.

R.A., 2; Scots Guards, 1.
K.O.S.B.'s., 3; Queen's Regt., 1.

Scots Guards v. R.A.

These teams met on the Chatham Road ground yesterday in their return League game, the Guards winning by the odd goal in three. The Artillery took up the attack from the start, but Joyce sent in wide. The Guards returned and Scott sent over from long range. Leach got away but shot over. Aird went through and slipped to Scott but offside relieved. The R.A. returned and Gill was dropped in the penalty area. Leach took the spot kick and Jackson stopped the ball. Leach following up returned it into the net. The Guards put on pressure but failed to get level before the whistle sounded for the interval.

The Guards attacked strongly when the second half commenced and the R.A. defence was severely tested. Leach dropped back to assist the defence and for a time the game was Guards attack Artillery defence. Keeping up the pressure, the Guards were awarded a penalty and Aird made no mistake, beating Fletcher with a well placed shot. A struggle for the lead then ensued, both teams playing bright football. From a centre by Hill, Gill beat Jackson with a fine header giving the Gunners the lead. The Guards pressed strongly to get on terms but the R.A. defence held out and when the final whistle sounded the Gunners were leading by two goals to one.

K.O.S.B.'s v. Queen's Regt.

At Sookunpoo, the K.O.S.B.'s beat the Queen's Regt. by three goals to one. The Queen's were the first to threaten danger, Morris sending in a shot that cleared the bar. The K.O.S.B.'s took the ball to the other end, Curtiss clearing a centre from Alexander. Stock got close in but sent the ball straight at Rowbotton. A shot from Richardson found MacDougall out of position but the ball hit the post and rebounded to play.

The game was very fast and exciting, each team putting in good work, the defences being very sound. Half-time, no score.

The second half opened with the K.O.S.B.'s attacking strongly but the Queen's defence held out. A penalty to the K.O.S.B.'s was missed by Davey.

Toal had hard luck with a shot that hit the post. The Queen's were the first to score, Richardson beating MacDougall following good work on the wing by Caldicutt. This reverse woke the Borderers up for almost from the centre kick the ball was in the net, McGlinchey beating Rowbottom from close range.

With the scores level both teams worked for the lead. The K.O.S.B.'s had the better finish and McGlinchey taking the re-bound from a shot by Stock that hit the upright headed into the net. Before the final whistle sounded Toal scored for the K.O.S.B.'s the final whistle sounding with the K.O.S.B.'s winning by three goals to one.

SCOTS PREPARING FOR INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 13th.

In a soccer trial at Glasgow today, the Scots drew with the Anglo-Scots, each side netting once.

The match was preparatory to the big international between England and Scotland to be played on March 31st, at the Wembley Stadium.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT CONTINUES.

A FAST MATCH.

Only one match was played in the Open Championship of the Colony yesterday, but those present on the Hong Kong Cricket Club courts were treated to a fast game in the Open Singles between Ho Ka Lau and Lim Peng Chin. It was a hard struggle lasting over an hour and a half, out of which Ho Ka Lau emerged victorious by three sets to one. The winner is a familiar figure on the local courts, but was absent from the Tournament last year as he was away in Shanghai. He seems, however, to have improved considerably since he last appeared in the Championships and has cultivated very aggressive methods, besides hitting harder than before. Lim Peng Chin is the champion of the local University and with more experience should figure prominently in the future.

There was little difference in the styles of the two contestants yesterday. Both adopted aggressive tactics and always worked for openings. Ho Ka Lau relied on muscular methods in pressing home his advantage, while Lim depended on wrist work at the net and greater agility in retrieving difficult shots. His chief fault was in not lobbing at the proper times.

The match opened at an unusually fast pace and both players appeared to be in fine form. Lim was the first to secure the lead, but after some spirited play Ho Ka Lau passed at 4-3. Lim then beat his opponent brilliantly at the net and won the next three games for the first set. Ho Ka Lau pulled up very well in the second set and although Lim put up a very good defence he took it at 6-3. Following that he outplayed Lim who fell off somewhat and whose shots became short. He won the third set with ease. Lim recovered wonderfully in the fourth set and secured a lead of two games from the start. By careful play and judicious placing, he carried the score to 4-2 in his favour, but Ho Ka Lau who had by this time the measure of him equalised and won the next game also. Lim had the misfortune to develop cramp at this stage and failed to stay Ho Ka Lau's offensive in the tenth game losing the set and match in consequence.

Handicap Events.

Keen play was the feature of the handicap ties and a good number of matches were decided.

Yesterday's results were as follows:—

Open Singles.

Second Round.

Ho Ka Lau beat Lim Peng Chin, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "A."

D. S. Green (rec. 15/1) beat Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 2/6), 3-6, 8-6, 6-0.

G. C. Grove (owe 1/6) beat J. E. Henry (rec. 15/1), 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Handicap Doubles.

W. A. Nowers and E. D. Lawrence (owe 5/6) beat I. H. C. Highet and J. Wilkie (rec. 15), 6-1, 6-2.

Dr. G. E. Aubrey and G. W. Sewell (owe 3/6) beat H. Owen Hughes and H. R. Remington (owe 3/6), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Capt. E. H. J. Larkcom and Capt. B. H. Forster (scr.) beat R. H. B. Hancock and C. B. Johnson (owe 3/6), 6-2, 6-2.

W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 2/6) beat T. G. Bennett and M. M. Watson (rec. 15/1), 6-4, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles.

Mrs. W. Woodward and C. W. E. Bishop (rec. 2/6) beat Miss Coppin and A. G. Coppin (rec. 15/4), 6-4, 6-4.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Singles.

H. D. Rumjahn *v.* Y. Sajiki.
I. M. A. Razack *v.* H. Yoshida.

Handicap Singles "A."

H. Owen Hughes (scr.) *v.* O. C. Womack (rec. 5/6).

Surg.-Lt.-Cdr. H. Hurst (rec. 3/6) *v.* W. D. Fiddes Wilson (rec. 5/6).

Handicap Singles "B."

T. G. Bennett (rec. 1/6) *v.* Dr. J. R. Craig (owe 15).

Handicap Doubles.

Dr. C. H. Buston and G. Rankin (rec. 15/1) *v.* M. D. Scott and R. P. Moodie (rec. 5/6).

G. C. Grove and J. G. Lawrie (owe 15) *v.* A. H. Crook and J. R. Wood (rec. 2/6).

THE "TREVESSA" TROPHY.

WIN FOR THE DOUGLAS COMPANY.

J.C.J.L. NOT IN THE RACE.

"HAIYANG" WINS EASILY.

Good sailing weather conditions attended the ninth bi-annual contest between ship's lifeboats for the "Trevessa" Trophy yesterday afternoon. The race is held under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht and the arrangements were all that could be desired, leaving no room for misunderstandings of any kind. Each competitor was provided with a chart of the course which started from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Cust Rock Gas Buoy (P), finish at the Yacht Club across a line from West to East.

Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., R.N., was an interested spectator of the race from his own launch. The Yacht Club officials including Mr. A. L. Shields (Commodore) followed the race on the C.P.R. steam launch *Vancouver*.

Owing to the absence in port of all Java-China-Japan-Lijn vessels, whose entries have won on the last four occasions, there were fewer boats competing, and their rivals, the Douglas Steamship Company, were again prominent with two entries. Mr. Twibill (Second Officer) and his crew on a *Haiyang* boat secured the trophy for the Douglas Company for the fourth time, winning with ease. One of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's entries took second place.

The Competing Boats.

Five boats entered for the race—two from the Douglas Steamship Company, two from Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company (Indo-China S.N. Co.), and one from Messrs. Butterfield & Swire (China Navigation Co.). The competing boats and coxswains were:—

No. 1.—*Haihong* (Capt. E. Walker), 26.1 feet, Douglas S.S. Company.
No. 2.—*Chipshing* (Capt. D. G. Burleigh), 26.2 feet, Messrs. J.M. & Co.
No. 3.—*Cheongshing* (Chief Officer Palmed), 24.2 feet, Messrs. J.M. & Co.
No. 4.—*Haiyang* (Second Officer Twibill), 26.5 feet, Douglas S.S. Co.
No. 5.—*Chinhua* (Chief Officer Nasmith), 26 feet, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

Progress Of The Race.

A good start was made at 3.59 p.m. with Capt. Walker on the *Haihong*, who drew the position nearest to Kowloon Rock, getting ahead of the others. The *Haiyang* (Mr. Twibill) soon overhauled his Company's other entry and led her to Kowloon Rock by six lengths. The *Chipshing* and *Cheongshing* were together some way behind with the *Chinhua* lagging well astern.

Shortly after passing the Rock the *Haihong* drew level with the leader, but the *Haiyang* broke away on a course more towards the Kowloon Dock shore. Both boats rowed sturdily, but the *Haiyang* appeared to make better use of the wind.

The *Haiyang* rounded the mark boat about twenty lengths ahead of the *Haihong*. The *Chipshing* was third well behind, followed by the *Chinhua*, who had drawn ahead of the *Cheongshing* by some twenty five lengths.

A strong tide and good breeze seemed to be favouring the boats from the mark boat to the Cust Rock Buoy, and the two Douglas boats were rowing very hard. The *Haiyang's* more effective sails gave her a lead of over a hundred yards from the *Haihong* at the Buoy, and the lead which she had maintained almost all the way was never in danger. The *Haiyang* won quite comfortably.

The *Chipshing* after being about a hundred yards behind *Haihong*, the second boat, put in some creditable work at the oars, and assisted by the breeze she passed the *Haihong* before reaching the line and took second place six lengths ahead of the *Haihong*. The two remaining boats were well in the rear.

Order Of Finishing.

The order of finishing and times were:—

	Finishing Time.	Time Elapsed.
1.—*Haiyang* (Mr. Twibill)	4.52.45	53.45
2.—*Chipshing* (Capt. Burleigh)	4.54.01	55.01
3.—*Haihong* (Capt. Walker)	4.54.20	55.20
4.—*Cheongshing* (Mr. Palmed)	4.58.42	59.42
5.—*Chinhua* (Mr. Nasmith)	5.00.44	61.44

(*Continued on next Column.*)

Yacht Club Commodore's Congratulations.

The helmsman of the winning boat, Mr. Twibill, received hearty congratulations at the Club house.

Mr. A. L. Shields (Commodore of the Yacht Club) expressed his thanks to the competitors, but on such a good day for racing he was sorry that more boats did not turn up. He also regretted that the J.C.J.L. were unable to compete this time.

The race, he said, had been very close, and the *Chipshing* came in a good second. He congratulated the helmsman and his crew on their fine win.

Mr. Shields recalled that the competition was held in commemoration of the wonderful feat of seamanship displayed by the officers and crew of the *Trevessa* which was lost in the Indian Ocean. They turned up in their lifeboat after some twenty one days when all hope had been abandoned. The object of the race was to stimulate interest in the manning and handling of ships' boats, and he hoped that as the years went on more support will be given by those who go down to the sea in ships.

The trophy and a cup for the winning helmsman were then received by Mr. Twibill amid much applause.

Mr. White's Reply.

Mr. A. H. White responded to the Commodore's congratulations and said he was very pleased to see the Douglas Company gain the cup again. This was possible, he said, owing to the ship happening to be here instead of in Foochow, and in any case the winner was a post entry. He hoped the Douglas Company would make every effort to retain the trophy next time.

Cheers were heartily given for the winning helmsman on the call of the Commodore, Mr. Shields.

Winning Boats.

The races that have now taken place have been won as under:—

April, 1924—*Tjipanas* (J.C.J.L.).
Nov., 1924—*Hai Hong* (Douglas S.S. Co.).
April, 1925—*Hai Ching* (Douglas S.S. Co.).
October, 1925—*Hai Ning* (Douglas S.S. Co.).
April, 1926—*Tjisandarl* (J.C.J.L.).
Nov., 1925—*Tjiaroea* (J.C.J.L.)
April, 1927—*Tjiaroea* (J.C.J.L.)
Nov., 1927—*Tjisalak* (J.C.J.L.)
March, 1928—*Haiyang* (Douglas S.S. Co.)

CENSURE ON A DOCTOR.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS JUSTIFIED.

SCENE WITH CORONER AFTER VERDICT.

The adjourned inquest on a man named Cecil James Bissett, 24, of Petrockstow, Devon, whose funeral the coroner stopped in consequence of two anonymous letters, was held at Torrington.

Mr. Thomas Tickle, Devon County analyst, stated that an analysis of the organs revealed a quantity of rodine.

Dr. W. F. Mitchell, of Hatherleigh, said that when Bissett's father called on him he said that his son was suffering from constipation.

The Coroner (Mr. Brown): Having received an urgent message, why did not you call on him?—It was not an urgent message. If I had thought the boy needed me, I should have gone like a shot.

Dr. Mitchell said that he thought death was caused by acute influenza. He thought he was safe in giving the certificate.

Mr. Brown: Do you think an old man like the boy's father would walk four miles to your surgery if the boy was not ill?—He had to walk somewhere for a pill, and I don't know that he did walk.

A Woman's Illness.

Mr. Brown said that they they had an acute suspicion of the author of the anonymous letters, and a woman had been summoned to attend that inquest. She had been conveniently taken ill.

Police-Sergeant Phillpotts said that Bissett was in financial difficulties.

The coroner said that the information that there was something wrong was justified, as if the man had been treated at the time he would have been living to-day. There were plenty of means of counteracting poison.

Suicide By Poisoning.

The jury returned a verdict that Bissett committed suicide by poisoning, and added that Dr. Mitchell was guilty of negligence in not going to see Bissett after being requested to do so three times. The negligence was such as to deserve censure.

Mr. Brown, censuring the doctor, said he fully agreed with the jury's verdict. Anyone would not walk miles for a doctor unless a man was ill. The doctor was negligent in the way he had managed the case. In 25 years' experience as coroner, it was the first time he had had to censure a doctor.

After the court had closed, Mr. Brown and the doctor engaged in a heated argument on the finding of the jury and the evidence about the messages sent to the doctor. The jury and the public remained in court.

PASSION PLAY BY JAPANESE.

NON-CHRISTIAN WRITES GOSPEL STORY.

FROM NEW ANGLE.

One of the most remarkable and striking plays ever staged in Japan came to an end in December last. This is "The Christ," a dramatisation of some of the leading events in the life of Christ.

Written by a non-Christian Japanese and acted by non-Christians, it, nevertheless, deals reverently and sympathetically with the Gospel story, which, with a few minor exceptions, it follows closely.

It seems that Koryoku Sato, its author, once saw the famous Passion Play at Oberammergau. Good, however, as were the actors and the staging there, Christ, he thought, was made to appear too weak and effeminate. He determined, therefore, to produce a similar play in Japanese, based on his own conception of the Messiah and of the other leading characters, emphasising in particular the love of this Saviour of the world for mankind and showing His manly strength of character and majestic personality. In so far as his interpretion of the Central Figure is concerned, he has succeeded admirably, though there may be some who might take exception to his treatment of some of the other Gospel characters.

Mary Magdalene, for instance, is shown as being quite incapable, until the final scene at the Sepulchre on the Resurrection morning, of distinguishing between spiritual and physical love. Her sudden realization of this difference is strikingly shown, however, in the final scene when Christ speaks to her in the garden, a Tokyo correspondent informs the *Morning Post*.

An Unconventional Mary.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is also depicted in rather a different way from the usually accepted version, for she is shown as a gentle, but rather querulous old woman, whose motherly love makes her try to dissuade her Son from exposing Himself to such constant dangers.

The principal part, played by Shojiro Sawaga, one of the leading actors in Japan, was magnificently done, and the make-up was perfect, tallying in every respect with the popularly accepted appearance as depicted in pictures and carved figures of Christ.

In all there were five acts of 12 scenes, the most striking of which, in order of sequence, were the dance of Salome before Herod and his wife, the Last Supper, the trial before Pontius Pilate, the road to Golgotha, and the Crucifixion itself.

The last named was particularly impressive and wonderfully portrayed—the dank, forbidding hilltop, lit up flashes of lighting, with the three crosses set up on the sky line; the Central Figure, naked except for a white loin cloth, with blood streaming from the pierced side; the two malefactors, the one reviling Him and the other rebuking the reviler; the small silent group with the Blessed Mother kneeling at the foot of the Cross, and the Roman soldiers watching on, some of them showing complete indifference while others are visibly moved. The dramatic effect could not have been bettered.

The Last Supper was portrayed with equal fidelity to detail and was seemingly based on the famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci, of which it was an almost exact reproduction.

Peter's Denial.

Peter's three-fold denial and his subsequent penitence, and the terrible remorse of Judas, the interpretation of whose character from start to finish was one of the outstanding things in the play, were shown to great effect; but, with the possible exception of the Crucifixion, the most arresting piece of acting occurred in the scene on the road to Golgotha, with the crowds booing and jeering as Christ, with the crown of thorns on His head, stumbles wearily along and finally collapses under the weight of His cross.

The soldiers start kicking Him and lashing Him with whips in order to make Him rise when out from the crowd comes a burly young countryman, who threatens to fight them if they persist in their cruelty. The soldiers laugh at his anger and say, "Why! He is only a common criminal, so what does it matter?" Back comes the angry reply, "He may be only a criminal but even criminals are human."

Historically there is nothing to show that Simon the Cyrenian acted quite in this manner, but there is something very true to life in the action of this honest, burly young yokel, who knows nothing about the condemned man, and is actuated solely and entirely by a desire to see fair play.

These are but a few of the more striking features in a play which, of its kind, is probably unique by reason of its composition and production by non-Christians.

THE FROTH-BLOWERS.

REMARKABLE GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

CASE IN COURT.

THE "FROTHBLOWER" PIPE.

A motion by the Ancient Order of Frothblowers, Ltd., asking for an injunction to restrain the defendants, Messrs. Delacour Bros., Ltd., from passing off goods—namely, tobacco pipes—as goods of the plaintiffs by marking them with the word "Frothblower," was heard in the Chancery Division by Mr. Justice Russell on February 7th.

Mr. J. Ricardo appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. F. E. Bray for the defendants.

Mr. Ricardo said that in 1924 Mr. Herbert Temple, the present secretary of the plaintiffs, desired to benefit certain charities. He invented the name "Ancient Order of Frothblowers." To become a member of the order one paid 5s., for which one received sleevelinks which only cost Mr. Temple 2s. 8d to buy, the balance, after deducting the expense of the membership book, going to a fund for charities. He made officers of those members who obtained the greatest number of new members. The highest dignity was that of "Cloudburst," held by the member who obtained 2,000 new members. The order grew to be a tremendous thing, with a membership of 630,000, and £70,000 had been accumulated for charitable purposes. They now sold pennants for motor-cars, neckties, tankards, dress waistcoat buttons, cigarette cases, playing cards, cigarettes, pipes, and cigars.

His Lordship: There are women members?

Mr. Ricardo: Yes, an offshoot was formed called the Ancient Order of Fairy Belles—(laughter)—and they get a brooch or a scarfpin for their 5s.

His Lordship: I see a shingle brush and comb. Is that another of their badges? (Laughter.)

Mr. Ricardo: No; we make arrangements with the makers to put the initials of the order or the word "Frothblower" on the goods, and they pay us a percentage of their profits.

His Lordship: Can you buy a "Frothblower" pipe without being a member?

Mr. Ricardo: Oh, yes! We should be only too pleased to sell you one. It is your money we want. (Laughter.)

In May, 1927, continued counsel, Mr. Temple entered into a contract with Messrs. Hall and Fitzgerald, of Bristol, who were to make a barrel-shaped pipe with the word "Frothblower" on it, and were to have the sole right of sale in consideration of paying a royalty of 2s. 6d. per dozen pipes. On June 23rd, 1927, the plaintiff company was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee, and took over the whole property and liabilities of the Ancient Order of Frothblowers. In January, 1927, Mr. Temple had applied to register "Frothblower" in respect of class 50, which includes pipes, but his application was opposed by the defendants, and was still pending. The defendants said that they had made and sold pipes bearing the word "Frothblowers" before the plaintiffs were incorporated.

Mr. Justice Russell: What cause of action have the plaintiffs? They came into existence after the defendants had made and sold "Frothblowers" pipes. It is possible that Mr. Temple might be the right plaintiff. I suggest that there should be no order on the motion on the defendants undertaking to keep an account until the trial of the action of all the pipes marked "Frothblower" or "Frothblowers" which they sell.

Mr. Bray eventually agreed to give the undertaking.

Mr. Justice Russell said that on the defendants agreeing to give the undertaking there would be no order except that costs be costs in the action. He had grave doubts whether the present plaintiffs or any plaintiff had a good cause of action.

MRS. JAMES WHITE.

FUND FOR FINANCIER'S WIDOW.

Seven months' investigation into the affairs of the late Mr. James White, the financier, who committed suicide on June 29th last year, have failed to produce conclusive evidence as to the actual condition of his estate at the time of his death.

This is due to the complexity of Mr. White's interests, which had become, in the words of one of those concerned in the winding-up, "so muddled as to be almost unintelligible."

A reporter was informed that it was doubtful whether the full extent of Mr. White's liabilities would be known before the end of the year. Practically all the real assets of the estate have been sold.

Meanwhile friends of the dead financier have formed a fund, at the instigation of Mr. Tommy Dawe, a close friend, who died recently, and this is to be placed at the disposal of Mrs. White.

VICAR MOBBED IN CHURCHYARD.

THROWN INTO BUSHES BY CONGREGATION.

POLICE INJURED.

ASTONISHING SCENES AT A SERVICE.

DARWEN, Feb. 19th.

The vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Darwen, the Rev. E. B. Lauria, on leaving the church this morning following amazing scenes of protest against Anglo-Catholic ritual in the services of the church, was mobbed by a large number of parishioners who had attended the service, and, with several policemen and detectives, was thrown in the bushes in the churchyard.

Two of the detectives, Detective Inspector Fenton and Detective Sergeant Kenyon, were injured, and the vicar had to be dragged out to the safety of the street, where he was guarded by mounted police and other constables on foot.

Booing.

There was an outburst of booing, and as the vicar with his strong guard passed along the road in the direction of the vicarage, attempts were made by a crowd of seven or eight thousand people to rush the police.

Mounted police were in action, and at the foot of Hawkshaw-avenue, near the vicarage, there was a sharp skirmish, and the police on foot had to struggle shoulder to shoulder to save the vicar from being molested. As he walked along with his guard the vicar calmly smoked a cigarette.

An effective barrier was formed at the vicarage, and Mr. Lauria was able to reach his home safely. The police were dealing with the crowd for half an hour afterwards, and there were several serious skirmishes, but eventually the people dispersed.

The scenes of protest inside the church were extraordinary. The congregation of about 1,200 people joined in singing no fewer than thirty-eight hymns in an attempt to prevent the celebration of the sung Eucharist, against which people of the neighbourhood have been protesting noisily for many months past.

The church was packed, extra seats had to be brought in, and at least 200 people were compelled to stand in the aisles and in the porch.

The sung Eucharist began at half-past nine, and was due to be concluded an hour later. All seats were occupied when the vicar and his curate, the Rev. N. Crawshaw, entered the church with the servers and the choristers, and the opening hymn was permitted to be rendered without interruption.

A few minutes later, when the vicar went into the pulpit, there was a great outburst of protest, and more than a thousand people rose and joined in singing hymns and interrupting the service and preventing the vicar from delivering his sermon.

Half an hour went by, and Mr. Lauria was still standing in his pulpit looking down at the scene. Once or twice it seemed that he was on the point of beginning his address, but each time he was effectually stopped.

He stood calmly waiting for the singers to tire. There was no prospect of this, however, and when they sang "All People that on earth do dwell" he was understood to remark, "You might have kept that for dinner time."

There were at once retorts, "We will sing until ten time," and one woman called out, "Yes, and until supper time."

Laughter.

All the time the protest scenes were being continued hymns were sung and repeated. There were frequent outbursts of scoffing and laughing, stamping of feet, and occasional clapping of hands.

The vicar again endeavoured to speak to the congregation, but was not allowed to go on, and after a time he addressed himself to the pews where his supporters were seated. What he said was entirely inaudible.

He appeared to deliver several sentences which could not be heard, and after having been in the pulpit nearly two hours he passed out, and the curate went to the Table to celebrate the sung Eucharist. During the whole of the celebration there were protests by singing, and the hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers" was rendered to the accompaniment of stamping feet.

Many of the congregation stood on the seats of the pews to watch the ceremony, and there were frequent outbursts of laughter and other protests. The ceremony was quite inaudible to the congregation owing to the uproar, and on its conclusion a disorderly scene occurred as the clergy and choristers retired to the vestry.

"God Save the King" was sung by the protesters before they retired, and this was followed by a couple of hymns.

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MEETING HELD BY WIRELESS.

DISCUSSION ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

SPEECHES CLEARLY HEARD.

The Council of the British Institution of Electrical Engineers, sitting in their council room at Savoy-place on February 16th, held a joint meeting with the American Institution of Electrical Engineers sitting in New York.

Three eminent British scientists, Mr. Page, the President of the Institution, Colonel Purvis, of the General Post Office, and Sir Oliver Lodge discussed matters of common interest with their friends in New York—Mr. Gherardi, President of the American Institution, General John Carty, Vice-President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., and Dr. Jewett.

The scientists in London and New York followed the proceedings of the meeting just as easily as if the two councils had been sitting in the same room. They asked each other questions, and received replies immediately.

No Interruptions.

To those in England, says a Home newspaper, the long speeches of the engineers in New York were astoundingly natural and clear. There were not even the occasional fading and interruptions to which wireless listeners are accustomed when listening to a speech a few miles away. Cable messages received later stated that the speakers in London were heard quite distinctly in New York.

The 3,000 miles of the Atlantic and the 1,200 miles of land separating the two council rooms might not have existted. An ordinary board meeting in a London office could not have passed off more smoothly.

In order that other engineers might have an opportunity of listening to the proceedings two loud speakers were placed in the lecture hall of the Institution in London. Hundreds of members gathered there to listen, and had it not been for the empty chairs on the platform—the Council Chamber is in another part of the building—listeners might have imagined they were in the same room as the British and American speakers.

Shortly after 3 p.m. the audience heard a man, with an American accent, saying, "Good morning, Mr. Page."

"Good afternoon, Mr. Gherardi," Mr. Page answered. "How are you?"

Mr. Page was then appointed chairman, because the British institution is the senior, and he began his speech.

"A Great Event."

Afterwards Mr. Gherardi told the meeting what he was doing in New York at the midwinter convention, and he was followed by Dr. Jewett and Colonel Purvis.

Towards the close of the meeting General Carty proposed a motion wherein he expressed his feelings of satisfaction for the "great event," and asking that the fact should be inscribed in the minutes of each society. The cheering in New York and London simultaneously was deafening.

Sir Oliver Lodge seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman—"That is all the business, gentlemen. The meeting is adjourned. Good-bye."

Thus ended the first meeting ever held jointly by two societies, one in New York and the other in London.

WEIGHT LIMIT FOR ACTRESSES.

QUEER CLAUSE IN A FILM CONTRACT.

Film actresses employed by one of the leading British producing companies are watching their scales in the knowledge that if they exceed a certain weight they are courting professional extinction.

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Not only shall the film actress who signs this contract obey all lawful and proper commands, be penalised for any loss to the company resulting from her unpunctuality, and not divulge any trade secrets or other information about the business, but in addition

She shall not marry without first obtaining the company's consent.

She shall proceed to any town or country to which she is ordered, and reasonable expenses will be paid; she shall wear any costume prescribed; and she shall do such things and acts as are required.

She shall at all times do all that is necessary for the preservation of features and appearance and shall adopt any measures the company may think fit ("physical jerks or any weird old beauty treatment" comments the actress) to preserve her in this way.

She will be liable to dismissal if she allows her weight to exceed a prescribed number of pounds or if she becomes involved in any incident likely to injure her good name or her reputation as a screen actress.

THE £500,000 GIFT TO THE NATION.

HOW THE MONEY WILL GROW.

BANKER'S LETTER.

HOPE THAT OTHERS MAY FOLLOW THIS EXAMPLE.

The gift of £500,000 to be managed in trust for the benefit of the nation was announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on February 8th and reported by Reuter cable at the time.

The donor keeps his identity a secret. His object is that the money shall accumulate for a long, but unstated, number of years, and then be applied to the reduction of the National Debt.

The National Debt is now £7,629,943,552. How the £500,000 will grow at five per cent. compound interest in shown here:—

In 20 years it will be £1,326,650
In 50 years it will be £3,732,700
In 75 years it will be £19,411,000
In 100 years it will be £65,520,000

It is the hope of the unknown giver that others will follow his example.

A statement issued by the Chancellor of the Exchequer says:—

"The nation has just received a benefaction of a character hitherto exceptional in the relations between the State and its citizens. Within the last few days an anonymous donor has set aside the sum of £500,000 to be managed in trust for the nation.

Compound Interest.

"The capital is to accumulate at compound interest over a long period of years. Ultimately, with all its accrued proceeds swelling progressively with the passage of time, it is to be applied to the reduction of the National Debt.

"In order to facilitate this gift Parliament was invited last session to make an exception to the law forbidding perpetuities and to declare long accumulations lawful when they had this especial object in view.

"The Chancellor of the Exchequer desires to acknowledge publicly the gratitude of his Majesty's Government for this important gift, unprecedented in its character. He regrets that he cannot thank the donor by name.

"It is the donor's hope that others may from time to time be prompted to add to the fund which he has inaugurated, or on similar lines to set up funds of their own.

"The Chancellor of the Exchequer states that action of this kind is inspired by clear-sighted patriotism, and makes a practical contribution towards the ultimate—though yet distant—extinction of the public debt."

Banker's Letter.

The Chancellor was notified of the gift in the following banker's letter:—

Sir,—We have the honour to inform you that we have received from a correspondent, whose name we are not authorised to disclose, but from whose letter we are allowed to quote, the cash and securities to which reference is made below. Our correspondent writes:—

"Gifts to the nation of historic sites, buildings, and works of art are happily frequent; gifts to repay debt comparatively rare, this last being a dull objective, but bringing with its accomplishment certain comforts of its own. To repay the National Debt may be thought to be beyond the reach of individual effort, but as a beginning towards this end I am placing at your disposal, as trustees for the nation, some £500,000 as the nucleus of a fund to accumulate in your hands, and to be applied eventually to this object.

"I am entrusting this fund to your house in order to secure the benefit of your long experience in finance; and in the hope that others may from time to time be prompted to add to it, or on similar lines to set up funds of their own, citizens and City uniting in an attempt to free their country from debt."

We shall be glad to know that our acceptance of the trust meets with the approval of his Majesty's Government.

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Mr. Churchill replied as follows:—

Gentlemen,—In accepting on behalf of his Majesty's Government the trust for the benefit of the nation inaugurated by your anonymous correspondent, and alluded to in Lord Revelstoke's letter of January 26th, I desire to express again the Government's warm thanks, which I have already in more informal manner asked Lord Revelstoke to convey to the donor, for this magnificent gift.

Among the motives which actuated the donor, as your letter shows, was the hope that others may be prompted from time to time to follow the example he has set on so spacious a scale. I hope to find occasion within the next few days of making a public announcement of his munificence.

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

Treasury Chambers, Feb. 1st.

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"TOTE" BILL CERTAIN.

MAJOR GLYN'S LUCK IN THE BALLOT.

LONDON, Feb. 10th.

Fortune has smiled upon Major Ralph Glyn, Conservative member for Abingdon, who has been the leading spirit in the movement to secure legal sanction for the use of totalisators as a betting medium on racecourses.

Out of 365 M.P.s who handed in their names for the ballot for right to introduce private members' Bills, Major Glyn has drawn the fifth place. Accordingly he will be able to bring before Parliament early in the session the Totalisator Bill.

The Government has already intimated that it will facilitate the passage of the Bill if it secures a second reading. Every effort will be made by its promoters during the coming weeks to secure promises of sufficient support to secure a good majority in its favour.

The opponents of grey hound racing have not been so fortunate. They will seek to take the sense of the House on a motion to be introduced towards the middle of next month.

The Pari-Mutuel.

A meeting of the M.P.s interested in the Totalisator Bill was held at the House of Commons last night, when it was announced that the Jockey Club will issue a statement showing how it will propose to carry out the installation of totalisators (which are wholly electrical) on the larger racecourses and of the pari-mutuel (into which human agency enters) on the smaller courses. This is the first occasion upon which the intention to employ the pari-mutuel has been stated.

THE CASTEL DELL'OVO AT NAPLES.

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In consequence of the recent tidal wave which swept the Bay of Naples, fresh anxiety is being felt about the security of the Castel dell'Ovo, which forms so picturesque a feature of the Bay and is one of the oldest historical monuments in Naples.

Warning was given 15 months ago in a report issued by the Royal Commission on Medieval and Modern Art, and it was then recommended that the north-western face of rock, which has suffered much through erosion, should be strengthened by tufa walls, and that a circular breakwater should be constructed. Since then, the military authorities in charge of the castle, have taken precautions and boats have been warned of the danger of passing too near. No active steps however, have yet been taken to effect the proposed repairs, and Press urges that the necessary works should be begun at once.

The island-rock on which the castle stands is believed to have been the earliest trading-station of the Phœnicians on the Bay, and it figured prominently in all the different phases of Neapolitan history, Greek and Roman, Saracen and Norman, French and Spanish. The Battery Tower, about which the greatest concern is felt, was constructed during the rule of the Spanish Viceroys.

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All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 23rd March, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 20th March, 1928.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS,
Agent.
Hong Kong, 14th Mar., 1928. [6005

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

THE Motor Ship "FULDA" having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th of March, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ashe at 10 a.m. on the 15th of March, 1928.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature.

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Hong Kong, 10th Mar., 1928. [5997

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 14th March, 1928 at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs Goddard and Douglas.

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Hong Kong, 8th Mar., 1928. [5989

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 14th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 8 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.10	30.16	30.12
Temperature	58	57	60
Humidity	85	89	73
Wind—			
Direction	East	ENE	East
Force	4	2	3
Weather	O	O	O
Rain	0.01	0.00	0.01

Highest open-air Temperature, 14th: 67
Lowest open-air Temperature, 14th: 56

B=Blue sky; O=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 15th to 21st, 1928.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Thur.	15	No inter. high nor Low wat.			
		8 2 a	5 9		
Fri.	16	4 13 a	6 1	m 0 9	2 3
		No inter. high nor Low wat.			
Sat.	17	5 27 a	6 5	m 1 7	1 8
		No inter. high nor Low wat.			
Sun.	18	m 8 22	4 9	m 1 39	1 4
		6 29 a	6 9	0 4 a	3 9
Mon.	19	m 8 45	4 5	m 2 14	1 0
		7 26 a	7 3	1 3 a	3 4
Tues.	20	m 9 2	4 3	m 2 47	0 8
		8 19 a	7 5	2 3 a	2 9
Wed.	21	m 9 22	5 1	m 3 19	0 8
		9 9 a	7 5	3 52 a	2 3

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Shanghai & Tientsin	"NINGPO"	On 16th	Mar.,	7 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	"TSAN"	On 16th	Mar.,	Noon
Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SINKIANG"	On 17th	Mar.,	7 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai, Newchwang & Dalny	"NEWCHWANG"	On 18th	Mar.,	10 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	"KAYING"	On 18th	Mar.,	Noon
Bangkok	"CHINKIA"	On 18th	Mar.,	Noon
Amoy, Swatow & Singapore	"ANHUI"	On 19th	Mar.,	7 a.m.
Amoy, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SZECHUEN"	On 19th	Mar.,	6 p.m.
Shanghai	"HUPEH"	On 21st	Mar.,	7 a.m.
Swatow & Shanghai	"ICHANG"	On 22nd	Mar.,	8 a.m.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin	"KUEICHOW"	On 23rd	Mar.,	4 p.m.
Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SUNNING"	On 24th	Mar.,	7 a.m.
Amoy, Swatow & Singapore	"ANKING"	On 25th	Mar.,	9 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	"KALGAN"	On 25th	Mar.,	Noon
Swatow, Shanghai, Newchwang & Dalny	"KANCHOW"	On 25th	Mar.,	Noon
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Shipping News
Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

March 13th.

Halldor, Norwegian str., 840 tons, Capt. J. Hausen, from Bangkok and Kohsichang. The latter latter port she left on March 5th, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C15.—Thoresen & Co.

Kojun Maru, Japanese str., 1,305 tons, Capt. F. Taguchi, from Lungkow and Tsingtau. The latter port she left on March 8th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C46.—M.B.K.

Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. C. W. Engebretsen, from Saigon, which port she left on March 9th, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C19.—W. Fat Shing.

Taiyo Maru, Japanese str., 8,523 tons, Capt. G. Shinoniuya, from Los Angeles and Shanghai. The latter port she left on March 11th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Vulcanus, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. E. de Muinck, from Canton, lying at West Point.—A.P.C.

March 14th.

Anhui, British str., 2,080 tons, Capt. G. Pennefather, from Singapore and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8.—B. & S.

Hai Hong, British str., 1,270 tons, Capt. Walker, from Swatow, with 500 tons of general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

Japan Arrow, American str., 5,176 tons, Capt. E. Dobert, from Swatow, lying at Laichikok.—Standard Oil Co.

Ningpo, British str., 1,223 tons, Capt. J. D. Whyte, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44.—B. & S.

Paul Lecat, French str., 7,546 tons, Capt. A. Grillon, from Marseilles *viâ* Saigon. The latter port she left on March 11th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Messageries Maritimes.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. J. W. Tinson, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Tagela, Norwegian str., 3,462 tons, Capt. H. Kjole, from Iloilo, which port she left on March 10th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A52.—Dodwell & Co.

CLEARANCES.

March 14th.

Anyo Maru, for Moji.
Apoey, for Swatow.
Cassia, for Miri.
Cheong Shing, for Canton.
Confucius, for Saigon.
Fuku Maru, for Takao.
Hang On, for Amoy.
King Yuan, for Swatow.
Linan, for Swatow.
Nam Sang, for Amoy.
Nanchang, for Shanghai.
Nissei Maru, for Bangkok.
Paul Lecat, for Shanghai.
Sinkiang, for Canton.
Soon An, for Hoihow.
Tai Poo Sek, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Tak Hing, for Macao and Autau.
Tono Maru, for Takao.
Tong Lee, for Whampoa.
Tugela, for Shanghai.
Taikoo Wanyi, for Port Redon.
Vulcanus, for Amoy.
Yuen Jeng, for Saigon.

Mr. G. Y. L. Hunter, sup'y second officer, *Kwaisang*, has gone sup'y second officer, *Tuckwo*.

Mr. C. McAlister, from reserve, has gone second officer, *Kaiping*.—*Shipping and Engineering*.

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Arrivals.

Per s.s. *Taiyo Maru*, from Los Angeles and ports, on March 13th:—Mr. J. M. da Rocha, Miss L. B. da Rocha, Miss A. M. Waters, Mrs. A. J. Ives, Miss K. E. Jansen, Mrs. W. C. Chin, Mr. K. Ishimitsu, Mrs. K. Ishimitsu, Master S. Ishimitsu, Master H. Ishimitsu, Mr. A. H. Beavan, Mr. G. T. Read, Mr. F. C. Whitefield, Mr. P. S. Choa, Miss G. Choa, Miss P. Choa, Mr. C. F. Woo, Mr. H. L. Tseng, Mr. K. Kimura, Mr. H. F. Daly, Mr. S. Fung, Mr. C. Hermoso, Miss M. Ledbetter, Mr. F. Loo, Mrs. F. C. Loo, Miss S. C. Loo, Mr. F. Prata, Mr. T. Wong, Mr. L. Xavier, Miss A. Bucker, Mr. Yok She Ching, Mr. H. T. Kwan, Mr. J. V. Kwan, Mr. R. A. Kwan, Mr. W. Suzuki, Mrs. W. Suzuki, Miss K. Suzuki, Master S. Suzuki, Mr. C. S. Wong, Mrs. C. S. Wong, Mr. G. K. Wong, Mr. K. L. Tao, Mr. Wong Gin, Mr. J. Gragasin, Mrs. J. Gragasin, Master J. Gragasin, Mr. Rufino B. Peralta, Mr. Ng Tung, Mr. Wu Taan, Mr. Wong H. Daw, Mrs. Yak Eng Tom, Miss Tom San Ping, Master Tom Hong, Mr. Tom Min Nam, Miss D. Madson, Miss R. Woodrow, Mr. K. Y. Wong, Mr. C. Yang, Mr. Lai Kwong Tsun.

Departures.

Per s.s. *Paul Lecat* to Shanghai and Yokohama, on March 14th:—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cruz, Miss A. Lemes, Mr. C. C. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Flury, Mr. and Mrs. S. Rosario, Mrs. A. Sherville and son, Mr. F. R. Barr, Mr. H. Allemao, Mrs. S. E. de Senna, Mr. R. M. Rodrigues, Miss Rykoff, Mr. G. Vacheron, Mr. Leon Gavagnach, Miss E. M. I. White.

CHINA COASTAL SERVICE.

OFFICERS' CHANGES.

Mr. C. B. Perriam, third engineer, *Fengtien*, has resigned. Mr. R. Black, sup'y third engineer, *Hsin Peking*, has gone third engineer, *Fengtien*.

Mr. J. A. Anderson, second engineer, *Chungking* has gone second engineer, *Kintang*. Mr. R. B. Peck, from reserve, has gone second engineer, *Chungking*.

Mr. A. Lockerbie, from reserve, has gone sup'y third engineer, *Woosung*.

Mr. J. F. Wylie, chief engineer, C. N. Co., is on Home leave.

Mr. W. Wishart, chief engineer, *Shansi* has gone sup'y chief engineer, *Hsin Peking*. Mr. K. Logan, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, *Shansi*.

Mr. T. A. Orde, from reserve, has gone third engineer, *Siming*.

Mr. J. Cromby, sup'y second engineer, *Linan* has gone second engineer, *Kalgan*. Mr. D. W. Hume, second engineer, *Kalgan*, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Watson, from shore employment, has gone sup'y third engineer, *Taikoo Wanyi*.

Mr. G. S. Arthur, sup'y engineer, *Fatshan*, has gone chief engineer, *Kinkiang*.

Captain A. Dockwrey, from reserve, has gone master, *Fooshing*. Captain W. A. Balch, of the *Fooshing*, is on reserve.

Mr. L. G. Merry, sup'y second officer, *Tuckwo*, has gone sup'y second officer, *Fausang*. Mr. D. B. Smith, second officer, *Fausang*, is on Home leave.

Mr. R. E. Smith, sup'y second officer, *Chaksang*, has gone sup'y second officer, *Leesang*.

Mr. T. Hughes, from reserve, has gone chief officer, *Fooshing*.

(*Continued Previous Column.*)

ROYAL MASTER OF THE MERCHANT NAVY:

PRINCE OF WALES' NEW POST.

"PEACEFUL NAVY" REVIEW SUGGESTED.

London, February 14th.

Sea-going folk everywhere to-day hailed with boisterous satisfaction the news of the appointment of a Royal Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets. The Prince of Wales will get no more hearty a welcome than the fisher men and women will give him.

Many have already met the Prince. As one veteran skipper put it to-day in a talk with press representative:—

"He is a splendid fellow. We shall feel it an honour to have him at the head of the whole Fleet."

A pageant in the Thames of Britain's many types of trading sea and river craft, it is suggested, would be a fitting celebration of the Prince's appointment.

It would be a pageant of ocean pavilions lying with the "rusty, dusty schooners" and the herring-boats under their lee, river tugs with the roaming tankers and the cockle wherries alongside—a maritime parade of the Thames from Westminster to the Nore.

The Thames Favoured.

Alternative suggestions are that the grand parade should in the grand parade should be in the Solen Solent—the parade waters of the Grand Fleet—or in the Mersey where a great exhibition of craft parade at the royal opening of new docks not long before the war.

The Thames, however, is the most favoured scene. A successful pageant of sea services was held there in the year after the Armistice.

An inquiry in official quarters indicated that a suggestion endorsed by all the branches of the merchant service, might be favourably considered.

"It would be the greatest congregation of the peaceful navy yet known," the secretary of the British Sailors' Society said. "The big liners would take their place down beyond Tilbury, I suppose, but the long line of merchantmen and little craft might stretch right into the heart of London.

The Prince's Next Uniform?

The Prince of Wales has made many trips in liners—the *Berengaria* he knows well, and he crossed to Canada last summer in a C.P.R. boat, says the *Evening Standard*—and it is possible that during his next one he will, in his new capacity as "Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets" don, at any rate occasionally, the uniform of an officer in the Mercantile Marine.

Merchants Service Uniform.

The jacket of a captain of a merchant vessel now shows the four straight cuff-stripes of the Royal Navy, with, instead of the famous "executive curl" above the top stripe, the braid twisted into a diamond shape between the second and third.

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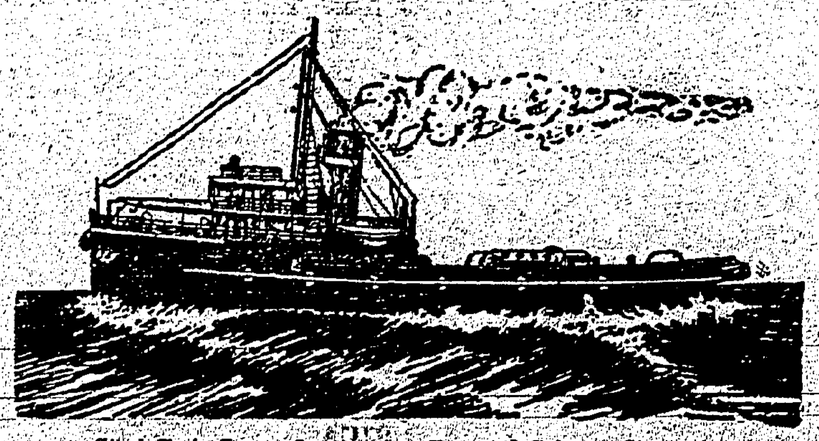

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	"KWONGSANG"	Sun., 25th Mar., at 7 a.m.
	"HOPSANG"	Wed., 28th Mar., at 7 a.m.
YOKOHAMA via MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Wed., 4th Apr., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, S'HAI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUTSANG"	Wed., 21st Mar., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"CHAKSANG"	Thurs., 15th Mar., at 9 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG"	Fri., 23rd Mar., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Thurs., 29th Mar., at 3 p.m.
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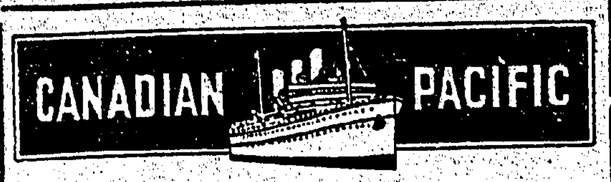

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HAKATA MARU ... ... Tuesday, 10th Apr.

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M.S. "Afrika" ...	5th April	20th April
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M.S. "Danmark" ...	25th May	30th June

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

NORMAL CARGO RETURNS.

JAPANESE VESSELS AGAIN BEST CARRIERS.

With eighteen arrivals and nineteen departures during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday general freights imported for Hong Kong were normal. Through freights also increased slightly on the previous day's total. General cargo for Hong Kong amounted to 19,906 tons and three British vessels contributed 3,633 tons. The two best returns were from the s.s. *Harumasan Maru* (Japanese) with 3,080 tons of general merchandize from Tongku and Taingtao, and s.s. *Prominent* (Dutch) from Saigon with 2,180 tons.

Through freights amounted to 14,970 tons, of which two British steamers carried 3,064 tons. The s.s. *Yangtze* (French) carried the best return with 5,000 tons from Bangkok and Shanghai, and the *Nam Sang* (British) arriving from Calcutta and Singapore carried 2,764 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	5
Japanese	5	5
Norwegian	2	1
Chinese	1	3
French	5	2
American	1	3
Total	18	19

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Changte, April 6th.
Taiping, May 11th.

Bank Line.
City of Durham, to-morrow.
City of Dunkirk, Mar. 17th.
City of Bombay, April 10th.
City of Eastbourne, April 11th.
City of Carlisle, April 14th.
City of Roubaix, April 14th.
City of Burmingham, May 4th.
City of New Castle, May 12th.
City of Chester, May 25th.
City of Tokio, June 9th.
City of Cardiff, June 22nd.
City of Pekin, July 7th.

Ben Line.
Benavon, March 19th.

Blue Funnel Line.
Tyndareus, Mar. 18th.
Rhesus, March 20th.
Teiresias, March 20th.
Eurylochus, March 21st.
Menelaus, March 26th.
Automedon, April 1st.
Patroclus, April 5th.
Protesilaus, April 10th.
Phemius, April 11th.
Agapenor, April 15th.
Knight Companion, April 21st.
Orestes, April 22nd.
Laomedon, April 24th.
Diomed, April 26th.
Talthybius, May 1st.
Machaon, May 2nd.
Antegor, May 3rd.
Meriones, May 9th.
Adrastus, May 16th.
Helenus, May 22nd.
Teucer, May 22nd.
Perseus, May 25th.
Pyrrhus, May 30th.
Hector, May 31st.
Atreus, June 27th.
Aeneas, July 2nd.
Lycaon, July 25th.
Sarpedon, July 26th.

British-India and Apcar Line.
Talma, March 18th.
Santhia, March 19th.
Takliwa, March 21st.
Takuda, March 28th.
Shirala, March 29th.
Talamba, April 9th.
Tilawa, April 19th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Asia, to-day.

Dodwell & Co.
Bolton Castle, March 25th.
Venezia, March 29th.
Toledo, April 12th.

Dollar Steamship Line.
President Lincoln, March 18th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Afrika, April 5th.
Malaya, April 27th.
Danmark, May 25th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
St. Albans, March 23th.
Arafura, April 2nd.
Tanda, May 7th.

Glen Line.
Glengarry, March 19th.
Glentara, April 6th.
Glenshiel, April 19th.
Carnavonshire, April 27th.
Glenbeg, May 10th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien.
Saarland, to-morrow.
Resolute, March 23th.
Carl Legien, March 30th.
Adolf von Baeyer, April 3rd.
Preussen, April 16th.

Java-China-Japan Line.
Tjisondari, to-day.
Tjibodas, March 19th.
Tjisaroea, March 19th.
Tjisalak, March 26th.
Tjitaroem, March 26th.
Tjikembang, March 29th.
Tjileboet, April 9th.
Tjimanoek, April 9th.
Tjikarang, April 12th.

Messageries Maritimes.
D.P. Benoit, Mar. 24th.
Andre Lebon, Mar. 27th.
Porthos, March 27th.
Chenonceaux, April 10th.
Capt. Faure, April 21st.
Athos II, April 24th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Tokushima Maru, to-day.
Aki Maru, to-morrow.
Fushimi Maru, March 18th.
Tango Maru, March 20th.
Kashima Maru, March 23rd.
Mayebashi Maru, March 25th.
Tenyo Maru, March 27th.
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Korea Maru, April 10th.
Lima Maru, April 11th.
Toba Maru, April 11th.
Suwa Maru, April 20th.
Aki Maru, April 24th.
Fushimi Maru, May 4th.
Hakata Maru, May 9th.
Kanagawa Maru, May 9th.
Toyooka Maru, May 13th.
Mishima Maru, May 22nd.
Wakasa Maru, June 8th.

Peninsular and Oriental.
Mantua, to-day.
Kashmir, to-morrow.
Nagpore, to-morrow.
Lahore, March 23rd.
Morea, Mar. 29th.
Kashgar, April 12th.
Jeypore, April 13th.
Malwa, April 26th.
Novara, May 7th.
Delta, May 10th.
Ranpura, May 24th.
Nankin, June 4th.
Khyber, June 7th.
Rawalpindi, June 21st.
Kashmir, July 5th.
Rajputana, July 19th.
Kalyan, August 2nd.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

CASUALTY DURING VOYAGE.

[ST. LONGSHOREMAN.]

The master of the s.s. *Taiyo Maru* arriving here from Los Angeles and Shanghai reports to the Harbour Office one case of phthisis and intestinal tuberculosis during the voyage.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 1,832. They were travelling by ten vessels of which the s.s. *Prominent* (Dutch) had 419 of the deck passengers.

WARSHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in Harbour yesterday:

North Wall Basin, *Foxglove, Iroquois*; South Wall Basin, *Moth, Seamew*; East Wall Basin, Gunboats and S/Ms.; North Arm, *Cornflower, Sirdar, Somme*; West Wall Dock, *Petersfield*; In Dock, *Ambrose, Onslaught, Alliance*; No. 1 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 2 Buoy, *Magnolia*; No. 3 Buoy, *Herald*; No. 5 Buoy, *Cumberland*; No. 6 Buoy, *Bluebell*; No. 7 Buoy, *Titania* and S/Ms.; No. 18 Buoy, *Ruthenia*; No. 19 Buoy, *Serapis*; No. 23 Buoy, *Kharki*; No. 27 Buoy, *Marazion*; Kowloon Anchorage, *Belgol, Francol, Fortol*.

Foreign Men of War:—U.S.S. *Asheville*; Portuguese, *Pero De Alenquer, Patria*; Italian, *Sebastiano Caboto*; French, *Argus, Bellatrix*.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The s.s. *Saarland* (Hamburg-Amerika Linie) left Shanghai on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at 1 p.m., and is due in Hong Kong to-morrow (Friday) morning.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kashmir*, left Shanghai for this port on the 13th inst. at 3 p.m., with the mails, and is due here on the 16th inst., at about 6 a.m.

The B.I. and Apcar s.s. *Santhia* left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 13th inst., and is due here on the morning of the 19th inst.

The B.I. and Apcar s.s. *Talma* will leave Amoy for Hong Kong on the afternoon of the 17th inst., and is due here on the afternoon of the 18th inst.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise.	*Sunset.*
To-day	6.33 a.m.	6.33 p.m.
To-morrow	6.32 ,,	6.33 ,,
Saturday	6.31 ,,	6.33 ,,

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Ansgir, March 28th.
Trier, April 9th.

Prince Line.
Malayan Prince, Mar. 18th.
Asiatic Prince, April 13th.

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"KARMALA"	9,123	24th Mar.	Marx, CasaBlanca, L'don. & Antwerp.
*"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	27th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,948	31st Mar	Marseilles and London.
†"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April	Marseilles and London.
*"NAGPORE"	5,283	21st April	do.
"MOREA"	10,953	28th April	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
*"JEYPORE"	5,318	19th May	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull.
*"NOVARA"	6,989	16th June	Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
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"KASHMIR"	8,585	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilless and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	1st Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,986	15th Sept.	Marseilless and London.

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"TALMA"	10,000	20th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	23rd Mar.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	30th Mar.	do.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	11th Apr.	do.

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"TANDA"	8,958	1st June	

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"MANTUA"	10,948	16th Mar., 6 a.m.	Shanghai!
*"NAGPORE"	5,283	17th Mar., Noon	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	21st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
*"LAHORE"	5,352	24th Mar.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	9,949	28th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
"MOREA"	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	*Empress of Asia*	15th Mar.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers, London, 16th Feb., & parcels, 9th Feb.)	*Mantua*	15th Mar.
Straits	*Nagpore*	16th Mar.
Australia & Manila	*Aki Maru*	16th Mar.
Japan & Shanghai	*Kashmir*	16th Mar.
Calcutta & Straits	*Kutsang*	17th Mar.
Shanghai	*Nanshan*	17th Mar.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Lincoln*	18th Mar.
Straits	*Fushimi Maru*	18th Mar.
Straits	*Santhia*	19th Mar.
Japan & Shanghai	*Porthos*	27th Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Thursday, 15th.
Japan	*Anyo Maru*	10.30 A M
Formosa	*Tone Maru*	10.30 A M
Straits	*Cromer*	2.30 P M
Swatow	*Hydrangea*	2.30 P M
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	*Mantua*	5.00 P M
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 22nd March	*Taiping*	Parcels 5.00 P M; Reg. 15th, 9.45 A M; Letters 10.30 A M
		Friday, 16th.
Japan	*Aki Maru*	9.30 A M
Sicilow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	*Tean*	10.00 A M
Manila & parcels for Germany via Hamburg	*Saarland*	3.30 P M
Shanghai	*Sinkiang*	5.00 P M
		Kowloon P.O. Parcels 4.30 P M; Reg. 17th, 9.00 A M; Letters 10.00 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th April	*Kashmir*	*G.P.O.* Par., 16th, 5.00 P M; Reg. 17th, 9.45 A M; Letters 10.30 A M
		Saturday, 17th.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong*	2.00 P M
Manila	*Empress of Asia*	3.00 P M
		Sunday, 18th.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kaijo Maru*	9.00 A M
Bangkok	*Chinkua*	9.00 A M
		Monday, 19th.
Shanghai & Japan	*Fushimi Maru*	10.30 A M
Manila	*Pres. Lincoln*	4.30 P M
Swatow	*Chak Sang*	5.00 P M
		Tuesday, 20th.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *C. & S. America & *Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 13th April	*Taiyo Maru*	Reg. 9.45 A M; Letters 10.30 A M
		Kowloon P.O. Reg. 1.00 P M; Letters 1.00 P M
Straits, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th April	*Philoctetes*	*G.P.O.* Reg. 1.45 P M; Letters 2.30 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 9th April, & Europe via Siberia	*Pres. Grant*	Parcels 3.00 P M; Reg. 4.15 P M; Letters 5.00 P M
Amoy	*Kui Sang*	5.00 P M
		Wednesday, 21st.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 2nd April	*Tanga Maru*	Reg. 8.45 A M; Letters 9.30 A M
Java via Batavia	*Tjisaroea*	2.30 P M
		Friday, 23rd.
Straits & Calcutta	*Hosang*	Parcels Noon; Letters 1.00 P M

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.

Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1928. [26

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For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
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O. STEENSTRA,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34

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Reserve Fund.....Yen 99,500,000

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. MORI, Manager.

Hong Kong 13th March, 1922. [35

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

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HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
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HONG KONG	PESHAWAR	(Philippine
ILOILO	SONGKAI	Islands)
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J. R. GEORGE,
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A. ROLLIN,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st January, 1928.

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HONG KONG BRANCHES:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.

C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1927. [29

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Hong Kong, 29th June, 1927. [36 37]

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Paid-up Capital ...Frs.68,400,000.00
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Battambang	Hong Kong	Saigon
Cantho	Mengtze	Shanghai
Canton	Nam-Dinh	Singapore
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CH. LEM,
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Hong Kong, 29th Feb., 1927. [32

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PAID-UP CAPITAL... 5,000,000
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Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/1⅛
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,245
Credits, 4 months' sight	1,220
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	49⅛
Credits, at 60 days' sight	50⅛
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	134⅛
Bank Bills, on demand	
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	134⅛
Bank Bills, on demand	
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	73⅛
Private, 30 days' sight	—
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	104⅛
ON MANILA.—On demand	98⅜
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	87
ON BATAVIA.—On demand	121⅛
ON HAIPHONG.—On demand	—
ON SAIGON.—On demand	nom.
ON BANGKOK.—On demand	92⅛
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